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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**221st LEGISLATURE**

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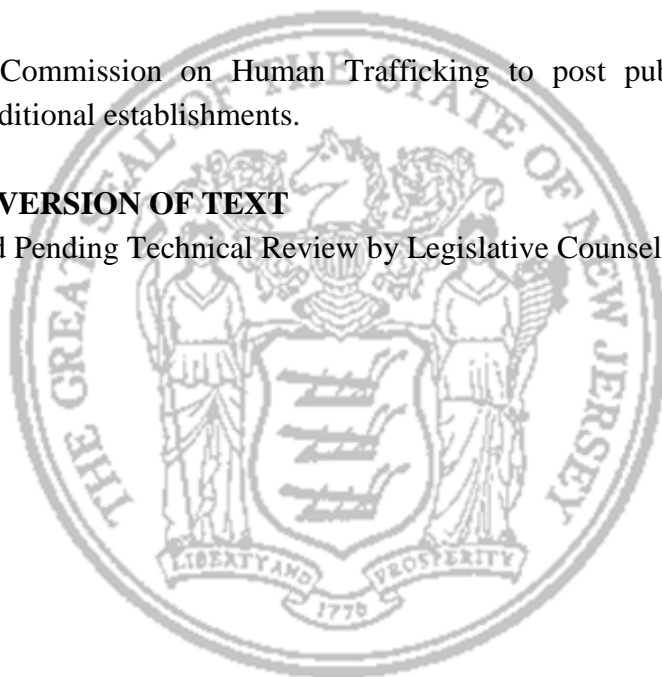
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Commission on Human Trafficking to post public awareness signage in additional establishments.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning human trafficking and amending P.L. 2013,  
2 c.51.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L. 2021, c.3 (C.52:17B-237.1) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 a. Pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-237), the  
10 Commission on Human Trafficking shall develop and determine the  
11 language for a public awareness sign that contains the national,  
12 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone service on human trafficking  
13 described under section 18 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.2C:13-11) and  
14 otherwise meets the requirements contained in subsection d. of this  
15 section. The public awareness sign shall be revised and modified  
16 by the Commission from time to time as need may require.

17 b. The following establishments to the extent practicable shall  
18 display the public awareness sign described in subsection a. in a  
19 place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to employees and the  
20 public:

21 (1) Strip clubs or sexually oriented businesses as defined in  
22 subsection a. of section 2 of P.L.1995, c.167 (C.2C:33-12.2),  
23 including, but not limited to, within every dressing room and within  
24 every restroom and restroom stall;

25 (2) Places of business of employers of massage or bodywork  
26 therapists, which employers are subject to registration, and which  
27 therapists are subject to licensure, pursuant to P.L.1999, c.19  
28 (C.45:11-53 et seq.) and section 13 of P.L.2007, c.337 (C.45:11-68  
29 et al.), including, but not limited to, within every dressing room and  
30 within every restroom and restroom stall;

31 (3) Bars;

32 (4) Airports;

33 (5) Passenger rail or light rail stations;

34 (6) Bus stations;

35 (7) Welcome Centers;

36 (8) Truck stops and gas stations;

37 (9) Weigh Stations;

38 (10) Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals;

39 (11) Urgent care centers;

40 (12) Farm labor contractors and day haulers;

41 (13) Privately operated job recruitment centers and staffing  
42 agencies;

43 (14) Service areas and safety rest areas located along interstate  
44 highways in New Jersey;

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

- 1 (15) All forms of public transportation, including every railroad  
2 passenger car; **and**  
3 (16) Hotels, motels, bed and breakfast establishments, campsites,  
4 and similar places of public accommodation;  
5 (17) State, county, and municipal law enforcement offices;  
6 (18) Nail salons; and  
7 (19) New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission offices.  
8 c. Owners and operators of private and public school buses are  
9 encouraged to display the public awareness sign described in  
10 subsection a. in a place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to  
11 students.  
12 d. The public awareness sign to be posted pursuant to  
13 subsection b. shall be no smaller than eight and one-half inches by  
14 eleven inches in size, printed in 16-point font, in English and  
15 Spanish.  
16 e. A business or establishment that fails to comply with the  
17 requirements of this section shall be liable for a civil penalty of  
18 \$300 for a first offense and \$1000 for each subsequent offense.  
19 (cf: P.L.2021, c.3, s.2)  
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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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24 STATEMENT  
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26 This bill would expand the establishments in which the  
27 Commission on Human Trafficking is required to post public  
28 awareness signage as described under section 18 of P.L.2013, c.51  
29 (C.2C:13-11).  
30 The commission is currently required to develop a public  
31 awareness sign containing information on how to identify and  
32 report suspected human trafficking, including, but not limited to, by  
33 providing the national, 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone service  
34 on human trafficking described under section 18 of P.L.2013, c.51  
35 (C.2C:13-11).  
36 This bill expands the required public awareness signage to the  
37 following establishments: gas stations; staffing agencies; State,  
38 county, and municipal law enforcement offices; nail salons; and  
39 New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission offices.