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SYNOPSIS

Clarifies establishments required to display human trafficking public awareness signs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the display of human trafficking public
2 awareness signs and amending P.L.2021, c.3.

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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 2. Display of Human Trafficking Public-Awareness Sign;
10 Penalty for Failure to Display.

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

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

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

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

34 (3) Bars;

35 (4) Airports. As used in this paragraph, "airport" means a
36 designated area of land, water, or both, which is licensed for the
37 landing and takeoff of airplanes and other aircraft, and which may
38 provide facilities for shelter, security, and service of aircraft.
39 "Airport" includes restricted use aeronautical facilities, which
40 require prior permission from the facility for landing;

41 (5) Passenger rail or light rail stations;

42 (6) Bus stations;

43 (7) Welcome Centers;

44 (8) Truck stops;

45 (9) Weigh Stations;

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 (10) Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals;
2 (11) Urgent care centers;
3 (12) Farm labor contractors and day haulers;
4 (13) Privately operated job recruitment centers;
5 (14) Service areas and safety rest areas located along interstate
6 highways in New Jersey;
7 (15) All forms of public transportation, including every railroad
8 passenger car; and
9 (16) Hotels, motels, bed and breakfast establishments,
10 campsites, and similar places of public accommodation.
11 c. Owners and operators of private and public school buses are
12 encouraged to display the public awareness sign described in
13 subsection a. in a place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to
14 students.
15 d. The public awareness sign to be posted pursuant to
16 subsection b. shall be no smaller than eight and one-half inches by
17 **【eleven】 11** inches in size, printed in 16-point font, in English and
18 Spanish.
19 e. A business or establishment that fails to comply with the
20 requirements of this section shall be liable for a civil penalty of
21 \$300 for a first offense and **【\$1000】 \$1,000** for each subsequent
22 offense.
23 (cf: P.L.2021, c.3, s.2)

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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28 STATEMENT
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30 This bill clarifies which establishments are required to display
31 human trafficking public awareness signs developed by the
32 Commission on Human Trafficking (commission).

33 Under current law, the commission is required to develop a
34 public awareness sign containing the national, 24-hour toll-free
35 hotline telephone service on human trafficking. Certain
36 establishments, including airports, are required, to the extent
37 practicable, to display the public awareness sign in a place that is
38 clearly conspicuous and visible to both employees and the public.

39 To clarify the types of establishments that are required to post
40 the public awareness sign, the bill amends current law to define
41 “airport” as a designated area of land, water, or both, which is
42 licensed for the landing and takeoff of airplanes and other aircraft,
43 and which may provide facilities for shelter, security, and service of
44 aircraft. Under the bill, “airport” includes restricted use
45 aeronautical facilities.