

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to human trafficking; creating s.
 3 787.08, F.S.; providing legislative findings;
 4 requiring the Department of Transportation to display
 5 human trafficking public awareness signs at specified
 6 locations; providing the form and content of such
 7 signs; providing a limit on expenditures; providing an
 8 effective date.

9
 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

11
 12 Section 1. Section 787.08, Florida Statutes, is created to
 13 read:

14 787.08 Human trafficking public awareness signs.—

15 (1) The Legislature finds that the exploitation and trade
 16 of human beings is the equivalent of erstwhile practices of
 17 human captivity and, as such, is an equally lucrative industry.
 18 Human beings are not to be traded or bonded for forced labor or
 19 sexual exploitation. It is estimated that more than 4 million
 20 people fall prey to trafficking every year. Women and children
 21 are the most vulnerable victims of trafficking, although,
 22 increasingly, men are also being trafficked to work as unskilled
 23 labor in factories.

24 (2) The Department of Transportation shall display a
 25 public awareness sign as described in subsection (3) at all rest
 26 areas, turnpike service plazas, weigh stations, welcome centers,

27 and public transit facilities in the state that are open to the
28 public.

29 (3) The public awareness sign must be at least 8.5 inches
30 by 11 inches in size, must be printed in at least a 16-point
31 type, and shall include the following in English, Spanish, or
32 any other language deemed necessary by the department:

33
34 "If you or someone you know is being forced to engage
35 in an activity and is being held against your or his
36 or her will, whether it is housework, farm work,
37 factory work, retail work, restaurant work, or any
38 other activity, call the National Human Trafficking
39 Hotline Center at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and
40 services. Victims of human trafficking are protected
41 under United States and Florida law."

42
43 Section 2. The Department of Transportation may not expend
44 more than \$50,000 in the 2015-2016 fiscal year to produce the
45 signs required by s. 787.08(2), Florida Statutes, as created by
46 this act.

47 Section 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.