

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Latvala

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to human trafficking; creating s.  
3       787.08, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
4       Transportation and certain employers to display human  
5       trafficking public awareness signs at specified  
6       locations; providing civil penalties for violations;  
7       requiring the Attorney General, in consultation with  
8       certain others, to develop specifications for the form  
9       and content of such signs; providing sign  
10      requirements; providing that the Attorney General is  
11      responsible for enforcement; requiring rulemaking;  
12      providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16       Section 1. Section 787.08, Florida Statutes, is created to  
17      read:

18       787.08 Human trafficking public awareness signs.—

19       (1) The Department of Transportation shall display a public  
20 awareness sign developed under subsection (3) in every rest area  
21 and welcome center in the state that is open to the public.

22       (2) (a) The employer at each of the following establishments  
23 shall display a public awareness sign developed under subsection  
24 (3) near the public entrance of the establishment or in another  
25 conspicuous location that is clearly visible to both the public  
26 and employees of the establishment:

27       1. A strip club or other adult entertainment establishment.

28       2. An establishment found to be a nuisance for prostitution  
29 under s. 893.138.

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30 3. A primary airport.

31 4. A passenger or light rail station.

32 5. A bus station.

33 6. A truck stop. For purposes of this subparagraph, the  
34 term "truck stop" means a privately owned and operated facility  
35 that provides food, fuel, shower or other sanitary facilities,  
36 and lawful overnight truck parking.

37 7. An emergency room within a general acute care hospital.

38 8. An urgent care center.

39 9. The premises of a farm labor contractor where farm  
40 laborers are regularly present.

41 10. A privately operated job recruitment center.

42 11. A business or establishment that offers massage or  
43 bodywork services for compensation that is not owned by a health  
44 care profession regulated pursuant to chapter 456 and defined in  
45 s. 456.001.

46 12. A public K-12 school as described in s. 1000.04.

47 13. A public library.

48 14. A health department and a health clinic.

49 (b) The Attorney General shall impose a civil penalty of  
50 \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for a second or subsequent  
51 offense for an employer who knowingly fails to comply with  
52 paragraph (a). The civil penalty is the exclusive remedy for  
53 failure to comply with this section.

54 (3) (a) The Attorney General shall, in consultation with  
55 anti-trafficking organizations and human trafficking survivors,  
56 develop specifications for the form and content of signs  
57 required by this section.

58 (b) The required public notice must be at least 8.5 inches

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59 by 11 inches in size, must be printed in at least a 16-point  
60 type, and must state substantially the following in English,  
61 Spanish, or any other language required by the Attorney General:  
62 "If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in an  
63 activity and cannot leave—whether it is commercial sex,  
64 housework, farm work, factory work, retail work, restaurant  
65 work, or any other activity—call the National Human Trafficking  
66 Resource Center at [insert number] or text INFO or HELP to  
67 [insert number] to access help and services. Victims of slavery  
68 and human trafficking are protected under United States and  
69 Florida law."

70 (4) The Attorney General is responsible for enforcement of  
71 this section and shall adopt rules to implement this section.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.