

By Senator Cruz

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to human trafficking public awareness
3 signs; amending s. 787.29, F.S.; requiring the
4 employer of each athletic venue, entertainment venue,
5 and convention center with a certain capacity to
6 display a human trafficking public awareness sign in a
7 conspicuous location that is clearly visible to the
8 public and employees; providing a noncriminal
9 violation; making technical changes; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 787.29, Florida Statutes, is amended to
15 read:

16 787.29 Human trafficking public awareness signs.—

17 (1) The Department of Transportation shall display a public
18 awareness sign developed under this section ~~subsection (4)~~ in
19 every rest area, turnpike service plaza, weigh station, primary
20 airport, passenger rail station, and welcome center in the state
21 which is open to the public.

22 (2) Emergency rooms shall display a public awareness sign
23 developed under this section ~~subsection (4)~~ in the emergency
24 rooms at general acute care hospitals.

25 (3) (a) The employer at each of the following establishments
26 shall display a public awareness sign developed under this
27 section ~~subsection (4)~~ in a conspicuous location that is clearly
28 visible to the public and employees of the establishment:

29 1. ~~(a)~~ A strip club or other adult entertainment

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30 establishment.

31 2.~~(b)~~ A business or establishment that offers massage or
32 bodywork services for compensation and that is not owned by a
33 health care practitioner regulated pursuant to chapter 456 and
34 defined in s. 456.001.

35 3. Each athletic venue, entertainment venue, and convention
36 center capable of accommodating 5,000 or more persons.

37 (b) A county commission may adopt an ordinance to enforce
38 this subsection. A violation of this subsection is a noncriminal
39 violation and is punishable only by a fine as provided in s.
40 775.083.

41 (4) The required public awareness sign must be at least 8.5
42 inches by 11 inches in size, must be printed in at least a 16-
43 point type, and must state substantially the following in
44 English and Spanish:

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46 "If you or someone you know is being forced to engage
47 in an activity and cannot leave—whether it is
48 prostitution, housework, farm work, factory work,
49 retail work, restaurant work, or any other activity—
50 call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at
51 1-888-373-7888 or text INFO or HELP to 233-733 to
52 access help and services. Victims of slavery and human
53 trafficking are protected under United States and
54 Florida law."

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56 ~~(5) The county commission may adopt an ordinance to enforce~~
57 ~~subsection (3). A violation of subsection (3) is a noncriminal~~
58 ~~violation and punishable by a fine only as provided in s.~~

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59 ~~775.083.~~

60 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.