

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and  
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; defining the term "entertainment  
9 venue"; providing a noncriminal violation; making  
10 technical changes; providing an 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. For  
37 purposes of this subparagraph, the term "entertainment venue"  
38 means any public facility that offers services or holds events,  
39 performances, or activities for enjoyment or amusement and is  
40 used for commercial or industrial purposes and that does not  
41 include overnight lodging or casinos but may include performing  
42 arts centers, arenas, racetracks, coliseums, auditoriums, theme  
43 or amusement parks, museums, cultural complexes, or other  
44 similar facilities.

45 (b) A county commission may adopt an ordinance to enforce  
46 this subsection. A violation of this subsection is a noncriminal  
47 violation and is punishable only by a fine as provided in s.  
48 775.083.

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

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54 "If you or someone you know is being forced to engage  
55 in an activity and cannot leave—whether it is  
56 prostitution, housework, farm work, factory work,  
57 retail work, restaurant work, or any other activity—  
58 call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at

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59 1-888-373-7888 or text INFO or HELP to 233-733 to  
60 access help and services. Victims of slavery and human  
61 trafficking are protected under United States and  
62 Florida law.”

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64 ~~(5) The county commission may adopt an ordinance to enforce~~  
65 ~~subsection (3). A violation of subsection (3) is a noncriminal~~  
66 ~~violation and punishable by a fine only as provided in s.~~  
67 ~~775.083.~~

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