

HOUSE BILL NO. 2561

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN (94).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 595, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to human trafficking hotline posters, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 595, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 595.120, to read as follows:

595.120. 1. Prior to January 1, 2017, the department of public safety shall create a poster that provides information regarding the national human trafficking resource center hotline. The poster shall be no smaller than eight and one-half inches by eleven inches in size and shall include a statement in substantially the following form:

"If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave – whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other activity – call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services. Victims of human trafficking are protected under U.S. and Missouri law.

The toll-free Hotline is:

- Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week**
- Operated by a non-profit, non-governmental organization**
- Anonymous & confidential**
- Accessible in 170 languages**
- Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information."**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **The statement shall appear on each poster in English, Spanish, and, for each county, any**
19 **other language required for voting materials in that county under section 1973 of the**
20 **"Voting Rights Act of 1965," 42 U.S.C. 1973, as amended. In addition to the national**
21 **human trafficking resource center hotline, the statement may contain any additional**
22 **hotlines regarding human trafficking for access to help and services.**

23 **2. Beginning March 1, 2017, the human trafficking hotline poster designed by the**
24 **department of public safety shall be displayed in a conspicuous place near the entrance of**
25 **each of the following establishments:**

26 **(1) A hotel, motel, or other establishment that has been cited as a public nuisance**
27 **for prostitution under section 567.080;**

28 **(2) A strip club or other sexually oriented business;**

29 **(3) A private club that has a liquor permit for on-premises consumption and does**
30 **not hold itself out to be a food service establishment;**

31 **(4) An airport;**

32 **(5) A train station that serves passengers;**

33 **(6) Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals;**

34 **(7) Urgent care centers;**

35 **(8) Privately operated job recruitment centers;**

36 **(9) Businesses or establishments that offer massage or body work services for**
37 **compensation that are not licensed under section 324.265;**

38 **(10) Women's health centers;**

39 **(11) Bus stations; and**

40 **(12) Any privately owned and operated facility that provides food, fuel, shower or**
41 **other sanitary facilities, and overnight parking.**

42 **3. The department of public safety shall make the poster available for print on its**
43 **public web site. To obtain a copy of the poster, the owners or operators of an**
44 **establishment required to post the human trafficking hotline notice under subsection 2 of**
45 **this section may print the online poster using the online link or request that the poster be**
46 **mailed for the cost of printing and first class postage.**

47 **4. Any owner or operator of an establishment required to post the human**
48 **trafficking hotline notice under subsection 2 of this section who fails to comply with the**
49 **requirement is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of up to three**
50 **hundred dollars for each day of the violation.**

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