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H.B. No. 3721

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the inclusion of information for reporting suspicious
3 activity to the Department of Public Safety on certain human
4 trafficking signs or notices.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 104.07, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is
7 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

8 (a-1) In addition to the notice required under Subsection
9 (a), the sign must include the contact information for reporting
10 suspicious activity to the Department of Public Safety.

11 SECTION 2. Section 102.101(b), Business & Commerce Code, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (b) The attorney general by rule shall prescribe the design,
14 content, and manner of display of the sign required by this
15 section. The sign must:

16 (1) be in both English and Spanish; ~~and~~

17 (2) include the telephone number and Internet website
18 of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center; and

19 (3) include the contact information for reporting
20 suspicious activity to the Department of Public Safety.

21 SECTION 3. Section 125.002(f-1), Civil Practice and
22 Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

23 (f-1) If the defendant required to execute the bond is a
24 hotel, motel, or similar establishment that rents overnight lodging

1 to the public and the alleged common nuisance is under Section
2 125.0015(a)(6) or (7), the bond must also be conditioned that the
3 defendant will, in each of the defendant's lodging units on the
4 premises that are the subject of the suit, post in a conspicuous
5 place near the room rate information required to be posted under
6 Section 2155.001, Occupations Code, a sign that includes:

7 (1) an operating toll-free telephone number of a
8 nationally recognized information and referral hotline for victims
9 of human trafficking; and

10 (2) the contact information for reporting suspicious
11 activity to the Department of Public Safety.

12 SECTION 4. Section 402.0351(b), Government Code, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 (b) The attorney general by rule shall prescribe the design
15 and content of a sign regarding services and assistance available
16 to victims of human trafficking to be displayed at transportation
17 hubs. The sign must be in both English and Spanish and include:

18 (1) the telephone number and Internet website of the
19 National Human Trafficking Resource Center; ~~and~~

20 (2) the contact information for reporting suspicious
21 activity to the Department of Public Safety; and

22 (3) the key indicators that a person is a victim of
23 human trafficking.

24 SECTION 5. Section 245.025, Health and Safety Code, is
25 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

26 (a-1) In addition to the information required under
27 Subsection (a), the sign must include the contact information for

1 reporting suspicious activity to the Department of Public Safety.

2 SECTION 6. Section 455.207(b), Occupations Code, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 (b) The sign required by this section must:

5 (1) be in English, Spanish, Korean, Mandarin, and any
6 other language required by commission rule;

7 (2) include a toll-free telephone number of a
8 nationally recognized information and referral hotline for victims
9 of human trafficking; ~~and~~

10 (3) include the contact information for reporting
11 suspicious activity to the Department of Public Safety; and

12 (4) be displayed in a conspicuous place clearly
13 visible to the public.

14 SECTION 7. Section 1602.408(c), Occupations Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (c) The sign required by this section must be in English,
17 Spanish, and Vietnamese and include:

18 (1) a toll-free telephone number of a nationally
19 recognized information and referral hotline for victims of human
20 trafficking; and

21 (2) the contact information for reporting suspicious
22 activity to the Department of Public Safety.

23 SECTION 8. Not later than December 1, 2021, the Texas
24 Alcoholic Beverage Commission shall, in collaboration with the
25 Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, develop guidance
26 for compliance with and notify affected license and permit holders
27 of the change in law made by this Act to Section 104.07, Alcoholic

1 Beverage Code.

2 SECTION 9. (a) Not later than December 1, 2021, the
3 attorney general shall, in collaboration with the Department of
4 Public Safety of the State of Texas, adopt the rules necessary to
5 implement the changes in law made by this Act to Section 102.101,
6 Business & Commerce Code, and Section 402.0351, Government Code.

7 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022:

8 (1) a sexually oriented business shall comply with
9 Section 102.101, Business & Commerce Code, as amended by this Act;
10 and

11 (2) a transportation hub shall comply with Section
12 402.0351, Government Code, as amended by this Act.

13 SECTION 10. The change in law made by this Act to Section
14 125.002, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, applies only to a suit
15 filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit filed
16 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
17 effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in
18 effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 11. (a) Not later than December 1, 2021, the
20 executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission
21 shall, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety of the
22 State of Texas, adopt the rules necessary to implement the change in
23 law made by this Act to Section 245.025, Health and Safety Code.

24 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, a hospital or abortion
25 facility shall comply with Section 245.025, Health and Safety Code,
26 as amended by this Act.

27 SECTION 12. (a) Not later than December 1, 2021, the Texas

1 Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall, in collaboration with
2 the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, adopt the
3 rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act to
4 Sections 455.207 and 1602.408, Occupations Code.

5 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022:

6 (1) a massage establishment or massage school shall
7 comply with Section 455.207, Occupations Code, as amended by this
8 Act; and

9 (2) a licensed facility as defined by Section
10 1602.408(a), Occupations Code, shall comply with Section 1602.408,
11 Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

12 SECTION 13. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.