

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 1288  
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Civil Practices  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Human trafficking in Texas is growing exponentially every year. The victims of trafficking are typically young girls and women, many of whom are trafficked for the purposes of performing forced sexual services.

Senate Bill 1288 requires those lodging establishments that have already been convicted of not abating a common nuisance as defined elsewhere as prostitution or aggravated promotion of prostitution by the Penal Code, and who have been required to post a bond, to post a victim's hotline number in a certain conspicuous place in the guest rooms of the establishment.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 125.002, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, by adding Subsection (f-1), as follows:

(f-1) Requires the bond, if the defendant required to execute a bond is a hotel, motel or similar establishment that rents overnight lodging to the public and the alleged common nuisance is under Section 125.0015(a)(6) or (7), to be conditioned that the defendant will, in each of the defendant's lodging units on the premises that are the subject of the suit, post in a conspicuous place near the room rate information required to be posted under Section 2155.001 (Hotels and Boarding Houses), Occupations Code, an operating toll-free telephone number of a nationally recognized information and referral hotline for victims of human trafficking.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 125.045, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, by adding Subsection (a-1), to make conforming changes as follows:

(a-1) requires that if the defendant required to execute the bond is a hotel, motel, or similar establishment that rents overnight lodging to the public and the alleged common nuisance is under Section 125.0015(a)(6) or (7), the bond must also be conditioned that the defendant will, in each of the defendant's lodging units on the premises that are the subject of the suit, post in a conspicuous place near the room rate information required to be posted under Section 2155.001, Occupations Code, an operating toll-free telephone number of a nationally recognized information and referral hotline for victims of human trafficking.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.