

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Human trafficking is growing exponentially in Texas 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.

As proposed, S.B. 1288 requires those lodging establishments which 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 provide a victim's hotline number in the guest rooms of the establishment.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION 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, 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, provide 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.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

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