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H.B. No. 3377

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring certain defendants in common nuisance suits
3 to provide telephone access to and information regarding an
4 information and referral hotline for victims of human trafficking.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 125.002, Civil Practice and Remedies
7 Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

8 (f-1) If the defendant required to execute the bond is a
9 hotel, motel, or similar establishment that rents overnight lodging
10 to the public and the alleged common nuisance is under Section
11 125.0015(a)(6) or (7), the bond must also be conditioned that the
12 defendant will, in each of the defendant's lodging units on the
13 premises that are the subject of the suit, provide an operating
14 toll-free telephone number of a nationally recognized information
15 and referral hotline for victims of human trafficking.

16 SECTION 2. Section 125.045, Civil Practice and Remedies
17 Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

18 (a-1) If the defendant required to execute the bond is a
19 hotel, motel, or similar establishment that rents overnight lodging
20 to the public and the alleged common nuisance is under Section
21 125.0015(a)(6) or (7), the bond must also be conditioned that the
22 defendant will, in each of the defendant's lodging units on the
23 premises that are the subject of the suit, provide an operating
24 toll-free telephone number of a nationally recognized information

1 and referral hotline for victims of human trafficking.

2 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
3 to a suit filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit
4 filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law
5 in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in
6 effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.