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S.B. No. 1288

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, post in a conspicuous  
14 place near the room rate information required to be posted under  
15 Section 2155.001, Occupations Code, an operating toll-free  
16 telephone number of a nationally recognized information and  
17 referral hotline for victims of human trafficking.

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

20 (a-1) If the defendant required to execute the bond is a  
21 hotel, motel, or similar establishment that rents overnight lodging  
22 to the public and the alleged common nuisance is under Section  
23 125.0015(a)(6) or (7), the bond must also be conditioned that the  
24 defendant will, in each of the defendant's lodging units on the

1 premises that are the subject of the suit, post in a conspicuous  
2 place near the room rate information required to be posted under  
3 Section 2155.001, Occupations Code, an operating toll-free  
4 telephone number of a nationally recognized information and  
5 referral hotline for victims of human trafficking.

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

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