

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 1288
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2007; March 19, 2007, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4 April 27, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 27, 2007,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1288 By: Carona

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to requiring certain defendants in common nuisance suits
1-11 to provide telephone access to and information regarding an
1-12 information and referral hotline for victims of human trafficking.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 125.002, Civil Practice and Remedies
1-15 Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

1-16 (f-1) If the defendant required to execute the bond is a
1-17 hotel, motel, or similar establishment that rents overnight lodging
1-18 to the public and the alleged common nuisance is under Section
1-19 125.0015(a)(6) or (7), the bond must also be conditioned that the
1-20 defendant will, in each of the defendant's lodging units on the
1-21 premises that are the subject of the suit, post in a conspicuous
1-22 place near the room rate information required to be posted under
1-23 Section 2155.001, Occupations Code, an operating toll-free
1-24 telephone number of a nationally recognized information and
1-25 referral hotline for victims of human trafficking.

1-26 SECTION 2. Section 125.045, Civil Practice and Remedies
1-27 Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-28 (a-1) If the defendant required to execute the bond is a
1-29 hotel, motel, or similar establishment that rents overnight lodging
1-30 to the public and the alleged common nuisance is under Section
1-31 125.0015(a)(6) or (7), the bond must also be conditioned that the
1-32 defendant will, in each of the defendant's lodging units on the
1-33 premises that are the subject of the suit, post in a conspicuous
1-34 place near the room rate information required to be posted under
1-35 Section 2155.001, Occupations Code, an operating toll-free
1-36 telephone number of a nationally recognized information and
1-37 referral hotline for victims of human trafficking.

1-38 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-39 to a suit filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit
1-40 filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law
1-41 in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in
1-42 effect for that purpose.

1-43 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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