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S.B. No. 666

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to signs required to be posted in the restrooms of sexually oriented businesses; providing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 102, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS ON PREMISES OF SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES

Sec. 102.101. POSTING OF CERTAIN SIGNS REQUIRED. (a) A sexually oriented business shall post in each toilet stall of each restroom on the premises a sign that directs a victim of human trafficking to contact the National Human Trafficking Resource Center. If a restroom does not have a toilet stall, the business shall post the sign in a conspicuous location in the restroom.

(b) The attorney general by rule shall prescribe the design, content, and manner of display of a sign required under this section. The sign must:

(1) be in both English and Spanish; and  
(2) include the telephone number and Internet website of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center.

(c) The attorney general by rule may require the sign to:

(1) be in an additional language other than English or Spanish; and

(2) include other information the attorney general

1 considers necessary and appropriate.

2 Sec. 102.102. CRIMINAL PENALTY. (a) A person commits an  
3 offense if the person:

4 (1) is an owner or operator of a sexually oriented  
5 business; and

6 (2) fails to post the sign required by Section 102.101  
7 in compliance with that section and rules adopted under that  
8 section.

9 (b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.  
10 If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this section that the  
11 person has previously been convicted of an offense under this  
12 section, the offense is a Class B misdemeanor.

13 SECTION 2. (a) The attorney general shall adopt rules to  
14 implement Section 102.101, Business & Commerce Code, as added by  
15 this Act, not later than September 1, 2018.

16 (b) Each sexually oriented business shall post the sign  
17 required by Section 102.101, Business & Commerce Code, as added by  
18 this Act, not later than March 1, 2019.

19 SECTION 3. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this  
20 section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

21 (b) Section 102.102, Business & Commerce Code, as added by  
22 this Act, takes effect March 1, 2019.