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H.B. No. 3501

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to required human trafficking prevention training and
3 disclosure of certain information about human trafficking by tattoo
4 and body piercing studios.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 402.0351(a), Government Code, is amended
7 by amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as
8 follows:

9 (1) "Body piercing studio" has the meaning assigned by
10 Section 146.001, Health and Safety Code.

11 (1-a) "Cosmetology facility" means a person who holds
12 a license to operate a facility or school under Chapter 1602,
13 Occupations Code.

14 SECTION 2. Section 402.0351(a-1), Government Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (a-1) Except as provided by Subsection (a-3), a person who
17 operates any of the following entities shall post at the entity the
18 sign prescribed under Subsection (b), or, if applicable, a similar
19 sign or notice as prescribed by other state law:

20 (1) an entity permitted or licensed under Chapter 25,
21 26, 28, 32, 69, or 71, Alcoholic Beverage Code, other than an entity
22 holding a food and beverage certificate;

23 (2) a cosmetology facility;

24 (3) a hospital;

25 (4) a massage establishment;

- 1 (5) a massage school;
- 2 (6) a sexually oriented business;
- 3 (7) a tattoo studio; [~~or~~]
- 4 (8) a transportation hub; or
- 5 (9) a body piercing studio.

6 SECTION 3. Chapter 146, Health and Safety Code, is amended
7 by adding Section 146.0075 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 146.0075. REQUIRED HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING. (a)
9 Each employee of a tattoo studio or body piercing studio within the
10 time prescribed by rules adopted by the executive commissioner
11 shall complete a training course approved by the executive
12 commissioner on identifying and assisting victims of human
13 trafficking.

14 (b) The executive commissioner shall approve training
15 courses on human trafficking prevention, including at least one
16 course that is available without charge. The department shall post
17 the list of the approved training courses on the department's
18 Internet website.

19 (c) A tattoo studio or body piercing studio shall post signs
20 relating to human trafficking as required by Section 402.0351,
21 Government Code.

22 SECTION 4. As soon as practicable after the effective date
23 of this Act:

24 (1) the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
25 Services Commission shall:

26 (A) approve human trafficking prevention
27 training courses as provided by Section 146.0075(b), Health and

1 Safety Code, as added by this Act; and

2 (B) adopt rules necessary to implement Section
3 146.0075, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act; and

4 (2) the Department of State Health Services shall post
5 on its Internet website the list of human trafficking prevention
6 courses approved by the executive commissioner of the Health and
7 Human Services Commission under Section 146.0075(b), Health and
8 Safety Code, as added by this Act.

9 SECTION 5. An employee of a tattoo studio or body piercing
10 studio is not required to complete a training course as required by
11 Section 146.0075(a), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act,
12 before January 1, 2024.

13 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.