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H.B. No. 3501

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
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. 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 licensed under
20 this chapter shall display in an area of the studio regularly
21 accessible to the studio's employees a poster with information on
22 recognizing potential victims of human trafficking and methods for
23 assisting victims of human trafficking. The department shall
24 develop and post on the department's Internet website the poster

1 described by this subsection.

2 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
3 of this Act:

4 (1) the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
5 Services Commission shall:

6 (A) approve human trafficking prevention
7 training courses as provided by Section 146.0075(b), Health and
8 Safety Code, as added by this Act; and

9 (B) adopt rules necessary to implement Section
10 146.0075, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act; and

11 (2) the Department of State Health Services shall:

12 (A) post on its Internet website the list of
13 human trafficking prevention courses approved by the executive
14 commissioner under Section 146.0075(b), Health and Safety Code, as
15 added by this Act; and

16 (B) develop and post on its Internet website the
17 poster described by Section 146.0075(c), Health and Safety Code, as
18 added by this Act.

19 SECTION 3. (a) An employee of a tattoo studio or body
20 piercing studio is not required to complete a training course as
21 required by Section 146.0075(a), Health and Safety Code, as added
22 by this Act, before January 1, 2024.

23 (b) A tattoo studio or body piercing studio is not required
24 to comply with Section 146.0075(c), Health and Safety Code, as
25 added by this Act, before January 1, 2024.

26 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.