

Regular Session, 2013
HOUSE BILL NO. 126
BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

ACT No. 430

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:541.1(A)(3), (B), (C)(1), and (D) and R.S. 26:96(A), relative
3 to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline; to provide for the
4 posting of certain information regarding the National Human Trafficking Resource
5 Center hotline; to provide for certain offices and departments to notify affected
6 establishments of the requirements; to provide for the assessment of a fine; and to
7 provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 15:541.1(A)(3), (B), (C)(1), and (D) are hereby amended and
10 reenacted to read as follows:

11 §541.1. Posting of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline;
12 content; languages; notice; civil penalty

13 A. All of the following establishments shall be required to post information
14 regarding the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline:

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16 (3) Every ~~highway truck stop~~ full service fuel facility adjacent to an
17 interstate highway or highway rest stop.

18 B.(1) ~~Such information shall be posted prominently both inside and outside~~
19 ~~the premises described in Subsection A of this Section.~~

20 ~~(2)~~(a) Such posting shall be no smaller than eight and one-half inches by
21 eleven inches and shall contain the following wording in bold typed print of not less
22 than fourteen-point font:

23 "If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and
24 cannot leave, whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other

1 activity, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline at 1-888-373-
2 7888 to access help and services."

3 (b) Such posting shall also comply with any other requirements established
4 by regulations promulgated by the commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco
5 control in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

6 ~~The victims of human trafficking are protected under U.S. law and the laws~~
7 ~~of Louisiana.~~

8 ~~The hotline consists of the following services:~~

9 ~~(a) Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.~~

10 ~~(b) Toll-free.~~

11 ~~(c) Operated by a non-profit, non-governmental organization.~~

12 ~~(d) Anonymous and confidential.~~

13 ~~(e) Accessible in 170 languages.~~

14 ~~(f) Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general~~
15 ~~information".~~

16 ~~(3)(2)~~ The language in the posting shall be printed in English, Louisiana
17 French, Spanish, and any other languages that the Department of Public Safety and
18 Corrections commissioner of alcohol and tobacco control shall require.

19 C. The following departments of the state shall provide each establishment
20 described in Subsection A of this Section over which that department exercises any
21 regulatory control or authority with the notice required by this Section. The
22 departments shall post on their websites a sample of the posting described in
23 Subsection B of this Section which shall be accessible for download. The
24 departments are as follows:

25 (1) Department of Revenue and the office of alcohol and tobacco control.

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27 D. A civil penalty ~~of five hundred dollars shall~~ in accordance with R.S.
28 26:96(A) may be assessed for each violation of this Section. The departments listed
29 in Subsection C of this Section or any law enforcement agency with jurisdiction are
30 charged with the enforcement of this Section ~~and may assess the civil penalty.~~

1 Section 2. R.S. 26:96(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

2 §96. Revocation and suspensions not exclusive penalty

3 A.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter to the contrary,
4 the commissioner may, in lieu of or in addition to revocation or suspension of a
5 permit issued under the authority of this Chapter, impose the following schedule of
6 fines to be paid into the state treasury for:

7 ~~(1)~~(a) A first offense, not less than fifty dollars but not more than five
8 hundred dollars.

9 ~~(2)~~(b) A second offense,~~which~~ that occurs within three years of the first
10 offense, not less than two hundred fifty dollars but not more than one thousand
11 dollars;~~and,~~

12 ~~(3)~~(c) A third offense,~~which~~ that occurs within three years of the first
13 offense, not less than five hundred dollars but not more than two thousand five
14 hundred dollars.

15 (2) A retail dealer who is required pursuant to R.S. 15:541.1 to post
16 information regarding the National Human Trafficking Center hotline and fails to
17 post such information may be assessed a fine in accordance with the provisions of
18 this Section.

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