

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 377

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. Requires National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline information to be posted at hotels. (8/1/16)

1 AN ACT  
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:541.1(A), relative to the posting of the National Human  
3 Trafficking Resource Center hotline; to require hotels to post information regarding  
4 the hotline; to provide for the location of the posting; and to provide for related  
5 matters.  
6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:  
7 Section 1. R.S. 15:541.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:  
8 §541.1. Posting of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline;  
9 content; languages; notice; civil penalty  
10 A. All of the following establishments shall be required to post information  
11 regarding the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline:  
12 (1) Every massage parlor, spa, or hotel that has been found to be a public  
13 nuisance for prostitution as set forth in R.S. 13:4711.  
14 (2) Every strip club or other sexually-oriented business as set forth in R.S.  
15 37:3558(C).  
16 (3) Every full service fuel facility adjacent to an interstate highway or  
17 highway rest stop.

1 (4) Every outpatient abortion facility as defined by R.S. 40:2175.3.

2 (5) Every hotel shall post the information in the same location where  
3 other employee notices required by state or federal law are posted.

4 (a) For purposes of this Paragraph, "hotel" shall mean and include any  
5 establishment, both public and private, engaged in the business of furnishing or  
6 providing rooms and overnight camping facilities intended or designed for  
7 dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes to transient guests where such  
8 establishment consists of thirty or more guest rooms and does not encompass  
9 any hospital, convalescent or nursing home or sanitarium, or any hotel-like  
10 facility operated by or in connection with a hospital or medical clinic providing  
11 rooms exclusively for patients and their families.

12 (b) For purposes of this Paragraph, "hotel" shall not include camp and  
13 retreat facilities owned and operated by nonprofit organizations exempt from  
14 federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an  
15 organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code  
16 provided that the net revenue derived from the organization's property is  
17 devoted wholly to the nonprofit organization's purposes.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley E. Menou.

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Present law requires information regarding the National Human Trafficking Resource  
Hotline to be posted in the following establishments:

- (1) Every massage parlor, spa, or hotel that has been found to be a public nuisance for  
prostitution as set forth in R.S. 13:4711.
- (2) Every strip club or other sexually-oriented business as set forth in R.S. 37:3558(C).
- (3) Every full service fuel facility adjacent to an interstate highway or highway rest stop.
- (4) Every outpatient abortion facility as defined by R.S. 40:2175.3.

Present law requires the notice to be no smaller than eight and one-half inches by eleven  
inches, contain typed bold print in not less than 14 point font, and be printed in English,  
Louisiana French, Spanish, and any other languages the ATC commissioner requires.

Present law imposes a penalty for each violation to be enforced by departments exercising regulatory control or authority over the establishments required to post the hotline information.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that hotels must post information of the National Human Trafficking Hotline in the same location where other employee notices required by law are posted.

Proposed law defines hotel as any establishment, both public and private, engaged in the business of furnishing or providing rooms and overnight camping facilities intended or designed for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes to transient guests where such establishment consists of thirty or more guest rooms and does not encompass any hospital, convalescent or nursing home or sanitarium, or any hotel-like facility operated by or in connection with a hospital or medical clinic providing rooms exclusively for patients and their families. The word "hotel" used herein shall not include camp and retreat facilities owned and operated by nonprofit organizations exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code provided that the net revenue derived from the organization's property is devoted wholly to the nonprofit organization's purposes.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 15:541.1(A))