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**SYNOPSIS**

Directs the development and posting of notices containing information for victims of human trafficking.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning posting notices to enable victims of human  
2 trafficking to obtain help and services and amending and  
3 supplementing P.L.2013, c.51.  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 1 of P.L. 2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-237) is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 1. a. There is hereby created, in the Division of Criminal  
11 Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety, a commission  
12 to be known as the Commission on Human Trafficking, consisting  
13 of 15 members as follows: the Attorney General, or his designee;  
14 the Commissioner of Children and Families, or his designee; the  
15 Commissioner of Human Services, or his designee; a county  
16 prosecutor, appointed by the Governor based upon the  
17 recommendation of the County Prosecutors Association of the State  
18 of New Jersey; one member of the New Jersey Human Trafficking  
19 Task Force established within the Department of Law and Public  
20 Safety, designated by the Attorney General; two public members  
21 appointed by the Governor based upon the recommendation of the  
22 Senate President, one representing law enforcement and one  
23 representing a victim's assistance organization; one public member  
24 appointed by the Governor based upon the recommendation of the  
25 Senate Minority Leader representing either a non-profit health care  
26 facility or mental health services; two public members appointed by  
27 the Governor based upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the  
28 General Assembly, one representing law enforcement and one  
29 representing a victim's assistance organization; one public member  
30 appointed by the Governor based upon the recommendation of the  
31 Assembly Minority Leader representing either a non-profit health  
32 care facility or mental health services; and four public members  
33 appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a representative  
34 of a child advocacy organization concerning missing, abducted, or  
35 exploited children, and one of whom shall be a human trafficking  
36 survivor. All public members shall have experience with, possess a  
37 background in, or demonstrate a specialized knowledge of, the  
38 legal, policy, educational, social, or psychological aspects of human  
39 trafficking.

40 b. (1) Of the public members first appointed:

41 (a) the following shall serve for a term of three years: one  
42 member appointed upon the recommendation of the Senate  
43 President; one member appointed upon the recommendation of the  
44 Speaker of the General Assembly; and two members appointed by  
45 the Governor; and

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 (b) the following shall serve for a term of two years: one  
2 member appointed upon the recommendation of the Senate  
3 President; one member appointed upon the recommendation of the  
4 Speaker of the General Assembly; each member appointed upon the  
5 recommendation of the Senate and Assembly Minority Leaders; and  
6 two members appointed by the Governor.

7 (c) Upon the conclusion of the initial terms, each public member  
8 shall be appointed for a term of three years.

9 (2) Each member appointed shall hold office for the term of  
10 appointment and until a successor shall have been appointed and  
11 qualified.

12 (3) Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be  
13 filled by appointment in the same manner as the original  
14 appointment was made.

15 c. (1) The commission shall organize upon the appointment of  
16 a majority of its authorized membership. The members shall elect  
17 one of the members to serve as chair and vice-chair, and the chair  
18 may appoint a secretary, who need not be a member of the  
19 commission.

20 (2) The commission shall meet at those times and places within  
21 the State of New Jersey as the commission shall determine. A  
22 majority of the commission's authorized membership shall  
23 constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, for the  
24 performance of any duty, or for the exercise of any power of the  
25 commission.

26 d. The members of the commission shall serve without  
27 compensation, but shall be eligible for reimbursement for necessary  
28 and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their  
29 official duties within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise  
30 made available to the commission for its purposes.

31 e. The Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Law  
32 and Public Safety shall, at the direction of the Attorney General,  
33 provide legal, stenographic, technical, clerical, and other staff and  
34 resource assistance to the commission, and additionally the  
35 commission may incur expenses as may be necessary in order to  
36 perform its duties within the limits of funds appropriated or  
37 otherwise made available to it for its purposes.

38 f. It shall be the duty of the commission to:

39 (1) Evaluate the existing law concerning human trafficking and  
40 the enforcement thereof, and to make recommendations for  
41 legislation, if appropriate;

42 (2) Review existing victim assistance programs and analyze the  
43 costs, organization, and availability of these services for victims of  
44 human trafficking and to make recommendations for legislation, if  
45 appropriate;

46 (3) Promote a coordinated response by public and private  
47 resources for victims of human trafficking; and

1 (4) Develop mechanisms to promote public awareness of human  
2 trafficking, victim remedies and services, and trafficking prevention  
3 including the creation of a public awareness sign **【promotion of】**  
4 promoting the national, 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone service  
5 on human trafficking described under section 18 of P.L.2013, c.51  
6 (C.2C:13-11), and the promotion of training courses and other  
7 educational materials for use by persons required under section 19  
8 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.2C:13-12) to undergo training on the handling  
9 of and response procedures for suspected human trafficking  
10 activities.

11 g. The commission shall report annually to the Governor and to  
12 the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-  
13 19.1), its activities, as well as its findings and recommendations for  
14 any needed new services or resources for victims of human  
15 trafficking, and any proposed changes to the current law concerning  
16 human trafficking.

17 (cf: P.L.2013, c.51, s.1)

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19 2. (New section). Display of Human Trafficking Public-  
20 Awareness Sign; Penalty for Failure to Display.

21 a. Pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-237), the  
22 Commission on Human Trafficking shall develop a public-  
23 awareness sign that contains the national, 24-hour toll-free hotline  
24 telephone service on human trafficking described under section 18  
25 of P.L. 2013, c.51 (C.2C:13-11) and otherwise meets the  
26 requirements contained in subsection c of this section.

27 b. The following establishments shall display the public-  
28 awareness sign described in subsection a. in a place that is clearly  
29 conspicuous and visible to employees and the public:

30 (1) Strip clubs or a sexually oriented businesses as defined in  
31 subsection a. of N.J.S. C:2C:33-12.2;

32 (2) Bars;

33 (3) Airports;

34 (4) Passenger rail or light rail stations;

35 (5) Bus stations;

36 (6) Truck stops;

37 (7) Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals;

38 (8) Urgent care centers;

39 (9) Farm labor contractors and day haulers;

40 (10) Privately operated job recruitment centers;

41 (11) Safety rest areas located along interstate highways in New  
42 Jersey

43 (12) Hotels; and

44 (13) Businesses and establishments that offer massage or  
45 bodywork services by a person who is not a massage therapist.

46 c. The notice to be posted pursuant to subsection b. shall be no  
47 smaller than eight and one-half inches by eleven inches in size, in  
48 English and Spanish and shall state the following:

- 1 “If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any  
2 activity and cannot leave – whether it is commercial sex,  
3 housework, farm work or any other activity – call the National  
4 Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline or the New Jersey  
5 Human Trafficking Task Force Hotline to access help and services.  
6 Victims of human trafficking are protected under international,  
7 federal and New Jersey law.  
8 The toll-free hotlines are:  
9 Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.  
10 Operated by a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization  
11 Anonymous and confidential  
12 Accessible in more than 160 languages  
13 Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general  
14 information.  
15 d. A business or establishment that fails to comply with the  
16 requirements of this section shall be liable for a civil penalty of  
17 \$300 for a first offense and \$1000 for each subsequent offense.  
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19 3. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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22 STATEMENT  
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24 This bill amends the “Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection,  
25 and Treatment Act,” to direct the Commission on Human  
26 Trafficking to broaden its mission of develop public awareness of  
27 human trafficking to include awareness of victim remedies and  
28 services including the creation of a public awareness sign. The bill  
29 further requires certain establishments to post information on how  
30 victims can receive help from the National Human Trafficking  
31 Resource Center (NHTRC).  
32 Funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,  
33 the NHTRC provides victim advocates with up-to-date resources  
34 and provides law enforcement, social service providers and  
35 community members with the tools needed to facilitate victim  
36 identification in their communities.