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SYNOPSIS

Requires Commission of Human Trafficking to create public awareness sign to be posted by certain establishments.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning certain signs and amending and supplementing
2 P.L. 2013, c.51.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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

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

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

40 (a) the following shall serve for a term of three years: one
41 member appointed upon the recommendation of the Senate
42 President; one member appointed upon the recommendation of the
43 Speaker of the General Assembly; and two members appointed by
44 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, including the creation of a sign **【promotion of】**
3 promoting, among other things, the national, 24-hour toll-free
4 hotline telephone service on human trafficking described under
5 section 18 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.2C:13-11), and the promotion of
6 training courses and other educational materials for use by persons
7 required under section 19 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.2C:13-12) to
8 undergo training on the handling of and response procedures for
9 suspected human trafficking activities.

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

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

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18 2. (New section) a. Pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 2013, c.51
19 (C.52:17B-237), the Commission on Human Trafficking shall
20 develop a public awareness sign containing information on how to
21 identify and report suspected human trafficking, including, but not
22 limited to, by providing the national, 24-hour toll-free hotline
23 telephone service on human trafficking described under section 18
24 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.2C:13-11). The Commission may revise the
25 public awareness sign as need may require.

26 b. The following establishments are required to display the
27 public awareness sign described in subsection a.:

- 28 (1) Lodging facilities;
29 (2) Airports;
30 (3) Passenger rail or light rail stations and bus stations;
31 (4) Hospitals and urgent care centers;
32 (5) Schools and colleges/universities;
33 (6) Truck stops and rest areas;
34 (7) Restaurants, bars, and nightclubs;
35 (8) Sexually oriented businesses as defined in subsection a. of
36 section 2 of P.L.1995, c.167 (2C:33-12.2);
37 (9) Major sporting events or conventions; and
38 (10) Places of business of employers of massage or bodywork
39 therapists, which employers are subject to registration, and which
40 therapists are subject to licensure, pursuant to P.L.1999, c.19
41 (C.45:11-53 et seq.) and section 13 of P.L.2007, c.337 (C.45:11-68
42 et al.).

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44 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would expand the current duties of the Commission on Human Trafficking to include creating a sign promoting, among other things, the national, 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone service on human trafficking described under section 18 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.2C:13-11).

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The following establishments are required to display this public awareness sign: lodging facilities; airports; passenger rail or light rail stations and bus stations; hospitals and urgent care centers; schools and colleges/universities; truck stops and rest areas; restaurants, bars, and nightclubs; sexually oriented businesses as defined in subsection a. of section 2 of P.L.1995, c.167 (2C:33-12.2); major sporting events or conventions; and places of business of employers of massage or bodywork therapists, which employers are subject to registration, and which therapists are subject to licensure, pursuant to P.L.1999, c.19 (C.45:11-53 et seq.) and section 13 of P.L.2007, c.337 (C.45:11-68 et al.).