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SYNOPSIS

Requires applicants of commercial driver license to complete training course on handling and responding to suspected human trafficking.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning certain licenses and certain training and
2 amending 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 19 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.2C:13-12) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 19. a. The Police Training Commission, in consultation with the
10 Attorney General and the Director of the Division of Criminal
11 Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall develop
12 and approve, as part of the police training courses required pursuant
13 to P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.), courses of study on the
14 handling, response procedures, investigation, and prosecution of
15 human trafficking cases. These courses shall be reviewed at least
16 every two years and modified from time to time as need may
17 require.

18 b. (1) The Department of Community Affairs, in consultation
19 with the Commission on Human Trafficking established by section
20 1 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-237), shall develop, approve, and
21 provide for a one-time training course on the handling and response
22 procedures of suspected human trafficking activities for owners,
23 operators, and staff of hotels and motels as defined in the "Hotel
24 and Multiple Dwelling Law," P.L.1967, c.76 (C.55:13A-1 et seq.);
25 or alternatively, the department, in consultation with the
26 commission, shall approve a substantially similar one-time training
27 course for use by hotels and motels in providing training to owners,
28 operators, and staff. The department, in consultation with the
29 commission, shall define by regulation which staff positions are
30 required, as a condition of employment, to attend the one-time
31 training course. Verifiable completion of the training course by
32 required staff shall be a condition of issuance, maintenance, or
33 renewal of any license, permit, certificate, or approval required,
34 permitted to be granted, or issued to owners or operators under the
35 provisions of the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law," P.L.1967,
36 c.76 (C.55:13A-1 et seq.). The training course shall be reviewed at
37 least every two years and modified by the department, in
38 consultation with the commission, from time to time as need may
39 require.

40 (2) The Department of Community Affairs, through its oversight
41 and enforcement authority provided under the "Hotel and Multiple
42 Dwelling Law," P.L.1967, c.76 (C.55:13A-1 et seq.), shall be
43 responsible for ensuring that all hotel and motel owners, operators,
44 and required staff attend the one-time training course within one
45 year of the enactment of this section in the case of all current

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 owners, operators, and required staff engaging in their respective
2 profession on the effective date of this section, and within six
3 months of the first day of ownership, operation, or employment for
4 all new owners, operators, and required staff who initially engage in
5 their respective profession on a date that follows the effective date.

6 (3) The Department of Community Affairs shall make available
7 the training materials for the one-time training course to hotel and
8 motel owners, operators, and required staff in order for the owners,
9 operators, and required staff to fulfill the one-time training
10 requirement set forth in this subsection.

11 c. (1) The Department of Health, in consultation with the
12 Commission on Human Trafficking established by section 1 of
13 P.L.2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-237), shall develop, approve, and provide
14 for a one-time training course on the handling and response
15 procedures of suspected human trafficking activities for employees
16 of every licensed health care facility as defined in section 2 of
17 P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-2), including those professionals whose
18 professional practice is regulated pursuant to Title 45 of the Revised
19 Statutes; or alternatively, the department, in consultation with the
20 commission, shall approve for use a substantially similar one-time
21 training course provided by a recognized Statewide nonprofit
22 healthcare trade association with demonstrated experience in
23 providing course offerings to health care facility employees on
24 similar workplace matters. The department, in consultation with the
25 commission and the approved nonprofit course provider, if any,
26 shall define by regulation which employees are required, as a
27 condition of their employment, to attend the one-time training
28 course. Verifiable completion of the training course by required
29 employees shall be a condition of issuance, maintenance, or renewal
30 of any license, permit, certificate, or approval required, permitted to
31 be granted, or issued to licensed health care facilities under the
32 provisions of P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et al.). The training
33 course shall be reviewed at least every two years and modified by
34 the department, in consultation with the commission and the
35 approved nonprofit course provider, if any, from time to time as
36 need may require.

37 (2) The Department of Health, through its oversight and
38 enforcement authority provided under P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1
39 et al.), shall be responsible for ensuring that all required employees
40 of licensed health care facilities attend the one-time training course
41 within one year of the enactment of this section in the case of all
42 current employees engaging in their respective profession on the
43 effective date of this section, and within six months of the first day
44 of employment for all new employees who initially engage in their
45 respective profession on a date that follows the effective date. If an
46 approved nonprofit course provider is involved in providing the
47 one-time training course to new employees who initially engage in
48 their respective profession on a date that follows the effective date

1 of this section, then the nonprofit course provider shall provide the
2 training course at least once every six months in order for these
3 employees to meet the six-month training deadline established by
4 this paragraph.

5 (3) The Department of Health shall make available the training
6 materials for the one-time training course to required employees, or
7 to the approved nonprofit course provider, if any, in order for the
8 required employees to fulfill the one-time training requirement set
9 forth in this subsection.

10 d. (1) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall develop
11 and approve a training course and a curriculum to raise awareness
12 of judges and judicial personnel on the seriousness of the crime of
13 human trafficking, its impact on human rights and the need to
14 adequately implement anti-trafficking laws, including not only the
15 prosecution and sentencing of defendants charged with human
16 trafficking, but the need to respect and restore rights and needs of
17 victims of human trafficking. This training course shall be
18 reviewed at least every two years and modified by the
19 Administrative Office of the Courts from time to time as need may
20 require.

21 (2) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall make the
22 training course, curriculum, and supporting materials available to
23 appropriate judges and judicial personnel who may be involved
24 with the court-related aspects of human trafficking prosecutions
25 through annual in-service judicial training programs or other means.

26 e. (1) The chief administrator, in consultation with the
27 Commission on Human Trafficking established by section 1 of
28 P.L.2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-237), shall develop, approve, and provide
29 for a one-time training course on the handling and response
30 procedures of suspected human trafficking activities for any
31 applicant for a commercial driver license as defined in P.L.1990,
32 c.103 (C.39:3-10.9 et seq.); or alternatively, the chief administrator,
33 in consultation with the commission, shall approve a substantially
34 similar one-time training course for use by a recognized Statewide
35 nonprofit human trafficking association with demonstrated
36 experience in providing course offerings to drivers of commercial
37 motor vehicles on similar matters. Verifiable completion of the
38 training course shall be a condition of issuance of any commercial
39 driver license in addition to any other licensure requirements set
40 forth in P.L.1990, c.103 (C.39:3-10.9 et seq.), but not a condition of
41 renewal or reissuance of a commercial driver license. The training
42 course shall be reviewed at least every two years and modified by
43 the chief administrator, in consultation with the commission and the
44 approved nonprofit course provider, if any, from time to time as
45 need may require.

46 (2) The chief administrator, through his oversight and
47 enforcement authority provided under P.L.1990, c.103 (C.39:3-10.9
48 et seq.), shall be responsible for ensuring that all applicants, prior to

1 being issued a commercial driver license, receive the one-time
2 training course. If an approved nonprofit course provider is
3 involved in providing the one-time training course to applicants for
4 a commercial driver license, then the nonprofit course provider
5 shall ensure that all applicants have an opportunity to receive the
6 training course.

7 (3) The chief administrator shall make available the training
8 materials for the one-time training course to applicants for
9 commercial driver license, or to the approved nonprofit course
10 provider, if any, in order for those individuals to fulfill the one-time
11 training requirement set forth in this subsection.

12 f. Pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-238), the
13 Attorney General, in consultation with the Commission on Human
14 Trafficking established by section 1 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-
15 237), may provide for the expenditures of monies from the "Human
16 Trafficking Survivor's Assistance Fund" to assist with the
17 development, maintenance, revision, and distribution of training
18 course materials for the courses developed in accordance with this
19 section, and the operation of these training courses.
20 (cf: P.L.2013, c.51, s.19)

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22 2. This act shall take effect 60 days after enactment.
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25 STATEMENT

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27 This bill would require the applicants for a commercial driver
28 license to have completed a one-time training course on the
29 handling and response procedures of suspected human trafficking
30 activities.

31 The chief administrator, in consultation with the Commission on
32 Human Trafficking as established by section 1 of P.L.2013, c.51
33 (C.52:17B-237), will develop, approve, and provide for a one-time
34 training course on the handling and response procedures of
35 suspected human trafficking activities for any applicant for a
36 commercial driver license as defined in P.L.1990, c.103 (C.39:3-
37 10.9 et seq.). Alternatively, the chief administrator, in consultation
38 with the commission, will approve a substantially similar one-time
39 training course for use by provided by a recognized Statewide
40 nonprofit human trafficking association with demonstrated
41 experience in providing course offerings.

42 An applicant seeking to be issued a commercial driver license
43 will be required to provide verifiable completion of the training
44 course license in addition to any other licensure requirements set
45 forth in P.L.1990, c.103 (C.39:3-10.9 et seq.). Those seeking
46 renewal or reissuance of a commercial driver license will not be
47 required to complete the training. The training requirement will
48 apply to all new applicants when this bill takes effect.

1 The training course will be reviewed at least every two years and
2 modified by the chief administrator, in consultation with the
3 commission and the approved nonprofit course provider, if any,
4 from time to time as need may require.

5 The chief administrator, through its oversight and enforcement
6 authority provided under P.L.1990, c.103 (C.39:3-10.9 et seq.), will
7 be responsible for ensuring that all applicants, prior to being issued
8 a commercial driver license, receive the one-time training course.
9 If an approved nonprofit course provider is involved in providing
10 the one-time training course to applicants of a commercial drive
11 license, then the nonprofit course provider will be responsible for
12 ensuring that all applicants have an opportunity to receive the
13 training course.

14 The chief administrator will make available the training
15 materials for the one-time training course to applicants for
16 commercial driver license, or to the approved nonprofit course
17 provider, if any, for the required individuals to fulfill the one-time
18 training requirement set forth in this subsection.

19 This bill will take effect 60 days after enactment.