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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 3, *approved January 29, 2021*
Assembly, No. 883 (*First Reprint*)

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39 trafficking.

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AJU committee amendments adopted July 20, 2020.

- 1 b. (1) Of the public members first appointed:
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15 of and response procedures for suspected human trafficking
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18 the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
19 19.1), its activities, as well as its findings and recommendations for
20 any needed new services or resources for victims of human
21 trafficking, and any proposed changes to the current law concerning
22 human trafficking.

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

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

27 a. Pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-237), the
28 Commission on Human Trafficking shall develop **1**【a public-
29 awareness】 and determine the language for a public awareness**1**
30 sign that contains the national, 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone
31 service on human trafficking described under section 18 of
32 P.L.2013, c.51 (C.2C:13-11) and otherwise meets the requirements
33 contained in subsection **1**【c】 d.**1** of this section. **1**The public
34 awareness sign shall be revised and modified by the Commission
35 from time to time as need may require.**1**

36 b. The following establishments **1**to the extent practicable**1**
37 shall display the **1**【public-awareness】 public awareness**1** sign
38 described in subsection a. in a place that is clearly conspicuous and
39 visible to employees and the public:

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41 in subsection a. of **1**【N.J.S. C:2C:33-12.2】 section 2 of P.L.1995,
42 c.167 (2C:33-12.2), including, but not limited to, within every
43 dressng room and within every restroom and restroom stall**1**;

44 (2) **1**Places of business of employers of massage or bodywork
45 therapists, which employers are subject to registration, and which
46 therapists are subject to licensure, pursuant to P.L.1999, c.19
47 (C.45:11-53 et seq.) and section 13 of P.L.2007, c.337 (C.45:11-68

1 et al.), including, but not limited to, within every dressing room and
2 within every restroom and restroom stall;
3 (3)¹ Bars;
4 ¹[(3)](4)¹ Airports;
5 ¹[(4)](5)¹ Passenger rail or light rail stations;
6 ¹[(5)](6)¹ Bus stations;
7 ¹[(6)] (7) Welcome Centers;
8 (8)¹ Truck stops;
9 ¹ [(7)] (9) Weigh Stations;
10 (10)¹ Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals;
11 ¹[(8)] (11)¹ Urgent care centers;
12 ¹[(9)] (12)¹ Farm labor contractors and day haulers;
13 ¹[(10)] (13)¹ Privately operated job recruitment centers;
14 ¹[(11) Safety] (14) Service areas and safety¹ rest areas located
15 along interstate highways in New Jersey ¹;
16 (15) All forms of public transportation, including every railroad
17 passenger car; and
18 [(12)] (16)¹ Hotels ¹[(; and
19 (13) Businesses and establishments that offer massage or
20 bodywork services by a person who is not a massage therapist] ,
21 motels, bed and breakfast establishments, campsites, and similar
22 places of public accommodation.
23 c. Owners and operators of private and public school buses are
24 encouraged to display the public awareness sign described in
25 subsection a. in a place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to
26 students.
27 [c.] d.¹ The ¹[(notice)] public awareness sign¹ to be posted
28 pursuant to subsection b. shall be no smaller than eight and one-half
29 inches by eleven inches in size, ¹printed in 16-point font,¹ in
30 English and Spanish ¹[(and shall state the following:
31 “If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any
32 activity and cannot leave – whether it is commercial sex,
33 housework, farm work or any other activity – call the National
34 Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline or the New Jersey
35 Human Trafficking Task Force Hotline to access help and services.
36 Victims of human trafficking are protected under international,
37 federal and New Jersey law.
38 The toll-free hotlines are:
39 Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
40 Operated by a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization
41 Anonymous and confidential
42 Accessible in more than 160 languages
43 Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general
44 information]¹.

1 **[d.] e.**¹ A business or establishment that fails to comply with
2 the requirements of this section shall be liable for a civil penalty of
3 \$300 for a first offense and \$1000 for each subsequent offense.

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5 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

ASSEMBLY, No. 883

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman THOMAS P. GIBLIN

District 34 (Essex and Passaic)

Assemblywoman BRITNEE N. TIMBERLAKE

District 34 (Essex and Passaic)

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District 20 (Union)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman N.Munoz

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45 bodywork services by a person who is not a massage therapist.

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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.

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 883

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 20, 2020

The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 883.

This bill amends the “Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection, and Treatment Act” to direct the Commission on Human Trafficking to broaden its mission of developing public awareness of human trafficking to include awareness of victim remedies and services including the creation of a public awareness sign. As amended by the committee, the bill requires certain establishments to the extent practicable to post information on how victims can receive help from the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC).

Funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the NHTRC provides victim advocates with up-to-date resources and provides law enforcement, social service providers and community members with the tools needed to facilitate victim identification in their communities.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2020-2021 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

The bill as amended is identical to S280.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

(1) Provide that the Commission on Human Trafficking would develop and determine the language for a public awareness sign.

(2) Provide that the public awareness sign would be revised and modified by the Commission from time to time as need may require.

(3) Provide that strip clubs, sexually orientated businesses, and places of business of employers of massage or bodywork therapists, which employers are subject to registration, and which therapists are subject to licensure, display the public awareness sign within every dressing room and within every restroom and restroom stall.

(4) Add that welcome centers, weigh stations, service areas, all forms of public transportation, including every railroad passenger car, motels, bed and breakfast establishments, campsites, and similar places of public accommodation, display the public awareness sign.

(5) Add that owners and operators of private and public school buses are encouraged to display the public awareness sign.

(6) Make technical amendments.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 883

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2020

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 883 (1R).

This bill amends the “Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection, and Treatment Act,” P.L.2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-237 et al.), to direct the Commission on Human Trafficking to broaden its current mission of developing public awareness of human trafficking to also include awareness of victim remedies and services, and trafficking prevention, including the creation of a public awareness sign. The commission would develop and determine the language for the public awareness sign, which would no smaller than eight and one-half inches by 11 inches in size, printed in 16-point font, in both English and Spanish, and would contains the national, 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone service on human trafficking operated pursuant to federal law. The public awareness sign would be revised and modified by the commission from time to time as need may require.

The bill would also require the sign to be posted, to the extent practicable, in places that are clearly conspicuous and visible to employees, as well as members of the public, in such establishments as strip clubs or sexually oriented businesses, places of business of employers of massage or bodywork therapists, bars, and hotels, motels, and similar places of public accommodation, and in airports, rail and bus stations, truck stops, and service and safety rest areas located along interstate highways in the State. A business or establishment that did not comply with the bill’s requirement for posting signs would be liable for a civil penalty of \$300 for a first offense and \$1000 for each subsequent offense.

The bill, as reported, is identical to Senate Bill No. 280, also reported by the committee today.

SENATE, No. 280

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

District 21 (Morris, Somerset and Union)

Senator NICHOLAS P. SCUTARI

District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)

Co-Sponsored by:

**Senators Singleton, A.M.Bucco, Stack, Ruiz, Cunningham, Pennacchio,
Gopal, Pou, Brown, Cryan and Bateman**

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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 and determine the
23 language for a public awareness sign that contains the national, 24-
24 hour toll-free hotline telephone service on human trafficking
25 described under section 18 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.2C:13-11) and
26 otherwise meets the requirements contained in subsection d. of this
27 section. The public awareness sign shall be revised and modified
28 by the Commission from time to time as need may require.

29 b. The following establishments to the extent practicable shall
30 display the public awareness sign described in subsection a. in a
31 place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to employees and the
32 public:

33 (1) Strip clubs or sexually oriented businesses as defined in
34 subsection a. of section 2 of P.L.1995, c.167 (2C:33-12.2),
35 including, but not limited to, within every dressing room and within
36 every restroom and restroom stall;

37 (2) Places of business of employers of massage or bodywork
38 therapists, which employers are subject to registration, and which
39 therapists are subject to licensure, pursuant to P.L.1999, c.19
40 (C.45:11-53 et seq.) and section 13 of P.L.2007, c.337 (C.45:11-68
41 et al.), including, but not limited to, within every dressing room and
42 within every restroom and restroom stall;

43 (3) Bars;

44 (4) Airports;

45 (5) Passenger rail or light rail stations;

46 (6) Bus stations;

47 (7) Welcome Centers;

48 (8) Truck stops;

- 1 (9) Weigh Stations;
2 (10) Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals;
3 (11) Urgent care centers;
4 (12) Farm labor contractors and day haulers;
5 (13) Privately operated job recruitment centers;
6 (14) Service areas and safety rest areas located along interstate
7 highways in New Jersey;
8 (15) All forms of public transportation, including every railroad
9 passenger car; and
10 (16) Hotels, motels, bed and breakfast establishments, campsites,
11 and similar places of public accommodation.
- 12 c. Owners and operators of private and public school buses are
13 encouraged to display the public-awareness sign described in
14 subsection a. in a place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to
15 students.
- 16 d. The public awareness sign to be posted pursuant to
17 subsection b. shall be no smaller than eight and one-half inches by
18 eleven inches in size, printed in 16-point font, in English and
19 Spanish
- 20 e. A business or establishment that fails to comply with the
21 requirements of this section shall be liable for a civil penalty of
22 \$300 for a first offense and \$1000 for each subsequent offense.
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- 24 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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27 STATEMENT

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29 This bill amends the “Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection,
30 and Treatment Act,” to direct the Commission on Human
31 Trafficking to broaden its mission of developing public awareness
32 of human trafficking to include awareness of victim remedies and
33 services including the creation of a public awareness sign. The
34 commission would develop and determine the language for the
35 public awareness sign that contains the national, 24-hour toll-free
36 hotline telephone service on human trafficking and meets the
37 requirements set forth in the bill. The public awareness sign would
38 be revised and modified by the commission from time to time as
39 need may require.

40 The bill further requires certain establishments to the extent
41 possible to post the public awareness sign in a place that is clearly
42 conspicuous and visible. A business or establishment that fails to
43 comply would be liable for a civil penalty of \$300 for a first offense
44 and \$1000 for each subsequent offense.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 280

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2020

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 280.

This bill amends the “Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection, and Treatment Act,” P.L.2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-237 et al.), to direct the Commission on Human Trafficking to broaden its current mission of developing public awareness of human trafficking to also include awareness of victim remedies and services, and trafficking prevention, including the creation of a public awareness sign. The commission would develop and determine the language for the public awareness sign, which would no smaller than eight and one-half inches by 11 inches in size, printed in 16-point font, in both English and Spanish, and would contains the national, 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone service on human trafficking operated pursuant to federal law. The public awareness sign would be revised and modified by the commission from time to time as need may require.

The bill would also require the sign to be posted, to the extent practicable, in places that are clearly conspicuous and visible to employees, as well as members of the public, in such establishments as strip clubs or sexually oriented businesses, places of business of employers of massage or bodywork therapists, bars, and hotels, motels, and similar places of public accommodation, and in airports, rail and bus stations, truck stops, and service and safety rest areas located along interstate highways in the State. A business or establishment that did not comply with the bill’s requirement for posting signs would be liable for a civil penalty of \$300 for a first offense and \$1000 for each subsequent offense.

The bill, as reported, is identical to the First Reprint of Assembly Bill No. 883, also reported by the committee today.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2020-2021 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

Governor Murphy Signs Legislation to Combat Human Trafficking

01/29/2021

TRENTON – Today, during National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, Governor Phil Murphy signed legislation (A883) amending the “Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection, and Treatment Act” to direct the Commission on Human Trafficking to broaden its current mission of developing public awareness of human trafficking to also include awareness of victim remedies and services and trafficking prevention, including the creation of a public awareness sign. The Commission would develop and determine the language for the public awareness sign, which must contain the national, 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone service on human trafficking operated pursuant to federal law.

“It is essential that we shine a light on the devastation of human trafficking and I am proud to enact legislation that will strengthen our mission to raise public awareness surrounding this pervasive issue,” **said Governor Murphy**. “We must remember that our battle against human trafficking extends far beyond this month as we commit to continuing the fight for fundamental human rights and freedoms.”

The bill also requires the sign to be posted, to the extent practicable, in places that are clearly conspicuous and visible to employees, as well as members of the public, in such establishments as strip clubs or sexually-oriented businesses; places of business of employers of massage or bodywork therapists; bars, hotels, motels, and similar places of public accommodation; and in airports, rail and bus stations, truck stops, and service and safety rest areas located along interstate highways, as well as on all forms of public transportation, including railroad and passenger cars. A business or establishment that does not comply with the bill’s requirement for posting signs would be liable for a civil penalty of \$300 for a first offense and \$1000 for each subsequent offense.

Primary sponsors of the bill include Assemblymembers Thomas Giblin, Britnee Timberlake, Annette Quijano, and Senators Tom Kean and Nicholas Scutari.

“The true prevalence of human trafficking cannot be confirmed by incomplete data,” **said Assemblyman Tom Giblin**. “As a result, we have to remain vigilant through public policy and committed to raising the level of public awareness.”

“Equipping people with the information to safely connect and refer a potential trafficking victim to the appropriate resources is crucial,” **said Assemblywoman Britnee Timberlake**. “We also have to do better to ensure there is no room for willful ignorance or complicity.”

“The trafficking hotline is one of the safest and most effective tools for victims to access emergency assistance,” **said Assemblywoman Quijano**. “Putting signage clearly displaying the hotline number all throughout our public spaces is therefore an incredibly important strategy to get those in crisis the help they need.”

“I am proud that this legislation will be enacted today, especially during Human Trafficking Awareness Month,” **said Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean**. “The more we raise awareness of human trafficking, including what it looks like, where it happens, and how to get help, the harder it will be for traffickers to get away with their despicable crimes.”

“Human trafficking is unfortunately more prevalent than people realize,” **said Senator Nicholas**

Scutari. “Raising awareness about human trafficking is imperative and empowering the public to know the signs of someone in this scenario and how to report potential incidents will strengthen our efforts to combat this horrid practice.”