

Senate Bill 370

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**AS PASSED SENATE**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-5-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
 2 posting model notice with human trafficking hotline information in business and on internet,  
 3 so as to require certain establishments to post human trafficking hotline information; to  
 4 amend Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
 5 massage therapy practice, so as to provide for human trafficking awareness training for board  
 6 members; to provide for inspections of massage therapy practices; to require licensees to  
 7 display a photograph along with their massage therapy practice licenses; to provide for  
 8 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Code Section 16-5-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to posting model  
 12 notice with human trafficking hotline information in business and on internet, is amended by  
 13 adding two new paragraphs to subsection (a) and revising subsection (b) as follows:

14 “(3.1) 'Body art studio' shall have the same meaning as set forth in paragraph (3) of Code  
 15 Section 31-40-1.

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16 (3.2) 'Convenience store' means a retail establishment which offers for sale packaged or  
17 unprepared food and grocery items for consumption off the premises and may sell fuel  
18 products, household items, or tobacco products. This shall not include establishments  
19 that offer for sale more than 20 different cuts of refrigerated meats or more than 50 types  
20 of whole produce."

21 (6.1.) 'Manufacturing facility' means any facility that manufactures finished products;  
22 provided that more than 300 individuals are employed at such facility."

23 "(b) Effective September 15, 2013, the following businesses and other establishments shall  
24 post the notice described in subsection (c) of this Code section, or a substantially similar  
25 notice, in English, Spanish, and any other language deemed appropriate by the director of  
26 the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, in each public restroom for the business or  
27 establishment and either in a conspicuous place near the public entrance of the business or  
28 establishment or in another conspicuous location in clear view of the public and employees  
29 where similar notices are customarily posted:

- 30 (1) Adult entertainment establishments;
- 31 (2) Bars;
- 32 (3) Primary airports;
- 33 (4) Passenger rail or light rail stations;
- 34 (5) Bus stations;
- 35 (6) Truck stops;
- 36 (7) Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals;
- 37 (8) Urgent care centers;
- 38 (9) Farm labor contractors and day haulers;
- 39 (10) Privately operated job recruitment centers;
- 40 (11) Safety rest areas located along interstate highways in this state;
- 41 (12) Hotels;

- 42 (13) Businesses and establishments that offer massage or bodywork services by a  
43 massage therapist or a person who is not a massage therapist; and  
44 (14) Government buildings; provided, however, that in the case of leased property, this  
45 paragraph shall only apply to public restrooms that are a part of such lease for exclusive  
46 use by the government entity;  
47 (15) Convenience stores;  
48 (16) Body art studios; and  
49 (17) Manufacturing facilities.”

50 **SECTION 2.**

51 Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage  
52 therapy practice, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-24A-5, relating  
53 to qualifications of board members and removal, to read as follows:

54 “(d) Each board member shall annually complete at least one-half hour of training in  
55 human trafficking awareness and prevention and shall provide documentation of such  
56 training to the chairperson of the board.”

57 **SECTION 3.**

58 Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of Code Section  
59 43-24A-7, relating to powers of the board, as follows:

60 “(4) ~~Upon reasonable notice, request~~ Initiate on-site inspections of the facility,  
61 equipment, policies, and practices of a massage therapy business or board recognized  
62 massage therapy educational program by appropriate inspectors in the ~~Office~~ office of the  
63 Secretary of State for the purpose of determining compliance with the standards  
64 established pursuant to this chapter;”

65 **SECTION 4.**

66 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 43-24A-14,  
67 relating to display of the license certificate, expiration and renewal of licenses, liability  
68 insurance coverage, change of address, and inactive status, as follows:

69 "(a) The licensee shall display the license certificate or a photocopy thereof in an  
70 appropriate and public manner at each location at which he or she practices, with a  
71 two-inch by two-inch photograph of the licensee taken within the last two years affixed  
72 thereto."

73 **SECTION 5.**

74 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.