

HOUSE No. 2416

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Walsh and Joan B. Lovely

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring human trafficking recognition training for certain hospitality workers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>

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By Representative Walsh of Peabody and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2416) of Thomas P. Walsh, Joan B. Lovely and others relative to requiring human trafficking recognition training for certain hospitality workers. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2540 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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An Act requiring human trafficking recognition training for certain hospitality workers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 6B the following section:-

3 Section 6C. (a) For the purposes of this section, “qualified accommodation” shall mean a
4 hotel, motel, lodging house or bed and breakfast establishment, as defined in section 1 of chapter
5 64G, except for accommodations exempt from the room occupancy excise pursuant to section 2
6 of said chapter 64G.

7 (b) Every licensed innholder operating a qualified accommodation shall establish a
8 human trafficking recognition training program, and shall require every employee of such
9 accommodation to participate in the training program. The training program shall be approved by

10 the attorney general, and may be provided by organizations or providers approved by the
11 attorney general pursuant to subsection (d). The training program may be developed by a federal,
12 state or nonprofit organization, and may be incorporated as part of the innholder's existing
13 training programs. Human trafficking recognition training programs required pursuant to this
14 section shall include, but shall not be limited to training relative to:

15 (i) the nature of human trafficking;

16 (ii) how human trafficking is defined pursuant to section 50 and 51 of chapter 265;

17 (iii) how to identify victims of human trafficking, as defined in section 20M of chapter
18 233;

19 (iv) relief and recovery options for survivors; and

20 (v) social and legal services available to victims.

21 (c) Every licensed innholder operating a qualified accommodation shall post in plain
22 view, in the lobby and in any public restroom of such qualified accommodation, a written notice
23 developed by the attorney general, which shall include the national human trafficking hotline
24 telephone number and the number for the human trafficking hotline established by the attorney
25 general pursuant to subsection (d).

26 (d) The attorney general shall: (i) make available a list of approved human trafficking
27 recognition training programs for use by a licensed innholder operating a qualified
28 accommodation pursuant to this section; (ii) develop a standard written notice to be posted in
29 every qualified accommodation pursuant to subsection (c); and (iii) establish a toll-free hotline
30 for reporting human trafficking.

31 (e) The attorney general shall promulgate regulations necessary to implement this section.