

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1263

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PERSON.

2437H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 197, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to human trafficking.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 197, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 197.730, to read as follows:

197.730. 1. Before January 1, 2023, a hospital licensed under this chapter shall provide at least twenty minutes of classroom or other effective interactive training and education regarding human trafficking awareness to each hospital employee who is employed as of July 1, 2022, and, within six months of employment, to each new hospital employee.

2. After January 1, 2023, a hospital licensed under this chapter shall, once every two years, provide human trafficking awareness training and education to each hospital employee and, within six months of employment, to each new hospital employee.

3. The human trafficking awareness training and education required under this section shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The definition of human trafficking and commercial exploitation of children;

(2) Guidance on how to identify individuals who are most at risk for human trafficking;

(3) The difference between labor and sex trafficking;

(4) Guidance on the role of hospital employees in reporting and responding to this issue; and

(5) The contact information of appropriate agencies including, but not limited to, the National Human Trafficking Hotline toll-free telephone number, 1-888-373-7888; the

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 **National Human Trafficking Hotline text line, 233733; and the telephone numbers of the**
20 **appropriate local law enforcement agencies.**

21 **4. The human trafficking awareness training and education required under this**
22 **section may also include, but is not limited to, materials and information provided by the**
23 **United States Department of Justice, the Blue Campaign of the United States Department**
24 **of Homeland Security, and private nonprofit organizations that represent the interests of**
25 **victims of human trafficking.**

26 **5. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to discourage a hospital**
27 **from providing longer, more frequent, or more elaborate training and education regarding**
28 **human trafficking awareness.**

29 **6. If a hospital licensed under this chapter violates this section, the department of**
30 **health and senior services may seek an order requiring the hospital to comply with these**
31 **requirements.**

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