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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HOTELS--HUMAN TRAFFICKING
REPORTING AND PREVENTION ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, McNamara, Slater, Perez, Giraldo, Felix, Biah,
Tobon, S Lima, and Abney

Date Introduced: January 29, 2021

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 5 of the General Laws entitled "BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS"
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 14.1

4 THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION NOTICE ACT

5 **5-14.1-1. Definitions.**

6 As used in this chapter:

7 (1) "Hotel" shall mean any establishment defined in § 5-14-3.

8 (2) "Human trafficking" means the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of
9 labor or commercial sex act as defined in 22 USC § 7102 and the commission of an offense created
10 by §§ 11-67.1-3 through 11-67.1-7.

11 **5-14.1-2. Posting requirements.**

12 (a) Every operator of a hotel shall post in a location conspicuous to employees human
13 trafficking awareness signage, printed in an easily legible font in English and any other language
14 spoken by at least ten percent (10%) of the employees.

15 (b) The notice shall provide information regarding the National Human Trafficking
16 Resource Center hotline and substantially state as follows: "If you or someone you know is being
17 forced to engage in any work or commercial sexual activity and cannot leave, call the toll-free
18 National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and

1 services. The toll-free hotline is:

2 (1) Available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week;

3 (2) Operated by a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization;

4 (3) Anonymous and confidential;

5 (4) Accessible in one hundred seventy (170) languages; and

6 (5) Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information."

7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would create the Human Trafficking Prevention Notice Act applicable to hotels,
2 requiring them to post in a location conspicuous to their employees human trafficking awareness
3 signage on their premises.

4 This act would take effect on January 1, 2022.

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