

HOUSE BILL NO. 1246

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PIKE.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 595, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to human trafficking hotline posters, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapter 595, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 595.120, to read as follows:

**595.120. 1. Prior to January 1, 2019, the department of public safety shall create
2 a poster that provides information regarding the national human trafficking resource
3 center hotline. The poster shall be no smaller than eight and one-half inches by eleven
4 inches in size and shall include a statement in substantially the following form:**

5 **"If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot
6 leave – whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other activity
7 – call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888
8 or text 233733 (BEFREE) or visit the following website:
9 www.traffickingresourcecenter.org to access help and services. Victims of human
10 trafficking are protected under U.S. and Missouri law.**

11 **The toll-free hotline is:**

12 **- Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week**

13 **- Operated by a non-profit, non-governmental organization**

14 **- Anonymous and confidential**

15 **- Accessible in 170 languages**

16 **- Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information."**
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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.

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19 **The statement shall appear on each poster in English, Spanish, and, for each county, any**
20 **other language required for voting materials in that county under section 1973 of the**
21 **Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973, as amended. In addition to the national human**
22 **trafficking resource center hotline, the statement may contain any additional hotlines**
23 **regarding human trafficking for access to help and services.**

24 **2. Beginning March 1, 2019, the human trafficking hotline poster designed by the**
25 **department of public safety shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in or near the**
26 **bathrooms or near the entrance of each of the following establishments:**

27 **(1) Hotels, motels, or other establishments that have been cited as a public nuisance**
28 **for prostitution under section 567.080;**

29 **(2) Strip clubs or other sexually oriented businesses;**

30 **(3) Airports;**

31 **(4) Train stations that serve passengers;**

32 **(5) Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals;**

33 **(6) Urgent care centers;**

34 **(7) Privately operated job recruitment centers;**

35 **(8) Businesses or establishments that offer massage or body work services for**
36 **compensation;**

37 **(9) Women's health centers;**

38 **(10) Bus stations; and**

39 **(11) Privately owned and operated facilities that provide food, fuel, shower or other**
40 **sanitary facilities, and overnight parking.**

41 **3. The department of public safety shall make the poster available for print on its**
42 **public website. To obtain a copy of the poster, the owners or operators of an establishment**
43 **required to post the human trafficking hotline notice under subsection 2 of this section may**
44 **print the online poster using the online link or request that the poster be mailed for the cost**
45 **of printing and first class postage.**

46 **4. Any owner or operator of an establishment required to post the human**
47 **trafficking hotline notice under subsection 2 of this section who fails to comply with the**
48 **requirement shall receive a written warning for the first violation and may be guilty of an**
49 **infraction for any subsequent violation.**

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