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Introduced by M. of A. SIMOTAS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring certain establishments to display a poster with information regarding the national human trafficking resource center hotline

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section  
2     483-ff to read as follows:  
3     S 483-FF. NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE; POSTING  
4     REQUIREMENT; PENALTY. (A) AN ESTABLISHMENT SHALL POST IN A CONSPICUOUS  
5     PLACE NEAR THE ESTABLISHMENT'S PRIMARY PUBLIC ENTRANCE OR ANOTHER AREA  
6     WHERE POSTERS AND NOTICES ARE CUSTOMARILY POSTED ON THE PREMISES OF THE  
7     ESTABLISHMENT, A POSTER NO SMALLER THAN EIGHT AND ONE-HALF INCHES BY  
8     ELEVEN INCHES IN SIZE THAT STATES THE FOLLOWING:  
9     "IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS BEING FORCED TO ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITY  
10    AND CANNOT LEAVE - WHETHER IT IS COMMERCIAL SEX, HOUSEWORK, FARM WORK,  
11    OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITY - CALL THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
12    RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE AT 1-888-373-7888 TO ACCESS HELP AND SERVICES.  
13    VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ARE PROTECTED UNDER UNITED STATES AND NEW  
14    YORK STATE LAW.  
15    THE HOTLINE IS:  
16    (1) AVAILABLE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK;  
17    (2) TOLL FREE;  
18    (3) OPERATED BY A NON-PROFIT, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION;  
19    (4) ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL;  
20    (5) ACCESSIBLE IN ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LANGUAGES; AND  
21    (6) ABLE TO PROVIDE HELP, REFERRAL TO SERVICES, TRAINING, AND GENERAL  
22    INFORMATION."  
23    (B) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "ESTABLISHMENT" SHALL MEAN:  
24    (1) A HIGHWAY REST STOP;

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (2) A BUS STATION;

2 (3) A TRUCK STOP;

3 (4) AN AIRPORT;

4 (5) ADULT OR SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES; AND

5 (6) EMERGENCY ROOMS AND EMERGENCY CARE CENTERS.

6 (C) A POSTER REQUIRED UNDER SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
7 PRINTED IN ENGLISH AND SUCH OTHER LANGUAGES AS THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN  
8 AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL DEEM APPROPRIATE.

9 (D) THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE  
10 ON ITS PUBLIC WEBSITE AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE POSTER REQUIRED BY  
11 SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION THAT MAY BE USED BY AN ESTABLISHMENT TO  
12 PRINT SUCH POSTER. SUCH ELECTRONIC VERSION OF SUCH POSTER SHALL BE  
13 AVAILABLE FOR PRINTING IN ENGLISH AND SUCH OTHER LANGUAGES AS SUCH  
14 OFFICE SHALL DEEM APPROPRIATE.

15 (E) ANY ESTABLISHMENT OR ANY AGENCY, EMPLOYEE, OR REPRESENTATIVE THERE-  
16 OF WHO WILFULLY AND KNOWINGLY FAILS, NEGLECTS, OR REFUSES TO PERFORM  
17 ANY ACT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF  
18 NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH SEPARATE OFFENSE. EACH DAY  
19 THE VIOLATION CONTINUES SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

20 S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
21 have become a law.