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Introduced by M. of A. SIMOTAS, HEVESI -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services -- recommitted to the Committee on Social Services in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring the commissioner of social services to make available on its website 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 POSTER.
4 (A) THE COMMISSIONER OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE SHALL MAKE
5 PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE NATIONAL
6 HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCES CENTER (NHTRC) HOTLINE POSTER, OR CREATE AND
7 MAKE AVAILABLE A VARIATION THEREOF.
8 (B) THE POSTER SHALL:
9 (1) BE AVAILABLE FOR PRINTING, AT A MINIMUM, IN ENGLISH AND ALL OTHER
10 LANGUAGES THAT THE NHTRC POSTER IS AVAILABLE IN;
11 (2) BE AT LEAST EIGHT AND ONE-HALF INCHES BY ELEVEN INCHES IN SIZE;
12 AND
13 (3) IF CREATED BY THE COMMISSIONER, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:
14 "IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS BEING FORCED TO ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITY
15 AND CANNOT LEAVE - WHETHER IT IS COMMERCIAL SEX, HOUSEWORK, FARM WORK,
16 OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITY - CALL THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING
17 RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE AT 1-888-373-7888 TO ACCESS HELP AND SERVICES.
18 VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PROTECTIONS AND SERVICES
19 UNDER UNITED STATES AND NEW YORK STATE LAW.
20 THE HOTLINE IS:

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

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1 (1) AVAILABLE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK;
2 (2) TOLL FREE;
3 (3) OPERATED BY A NON-PROFIT, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION;
4 (4) ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL;
5 (5) ACCESSIBLE IN ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LANGUAGES; AND
6 (6) ABLE TO PROVIDE HELP, REFERRAL TO SERVICES, TRAINING, AND GENERAL
7 INFORMATION."

8 (C) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSULT WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES AND
9 ORGANIZATIONS THAT HE OR SHE DEEMS APPROPRIATE TO ENCOURAGE THAT SUCH
10 POSTERS ARE LOCATED IN PUBLIC PLACES WHERE TRAFFICKING VICTIMS MAY BE
11 PRESENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: HIGHWAY REST STOPS, BUS STATIONS,
12 TRUCK STOPS, AIRPORTS, ADULT OR SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES, HOSPITALS
13 AND URGENT CARE CENTERS. IN CONSULTING WITH SUCH AGENCIES AND ORGANIZA-
14 TIONS, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADVISE THAT POSTERS SHOULD BE PLACED IN
15 CONSPICUOUS LOCATIONS NEAR PRIMARY PUBLIC ENTRANCES OR OTHER AREAS WHERE
16 POSTERS AND NOTICES ARE CUSTOMARILY POSTED ON THE PREMISES.

17 S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
18 have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately the
19 commissioner of temporary and disability assistance is authorized to
20 adopt any rules or regulations necessary to implement the provisions of
21 this act on such effective date.