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AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to promoting the education of the human trafficking information and referral hotlines to assist individuals from becoming or freeing themselves from any act of severe forms of sex trafficking

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Legislative findings. For the past several years, the toll-free telephone number of the National Human Trafficking hotline has been posted on a New York state agency website and those locations where victims may be present, including adult or sexually-oriented businesses, have been encouraged to voluntarily display information posters. The Hotline's 2019 data report shows that bars and strip clubs remain one of the top three locations where sex and labor trafficking occurs. Most of these trafficking victims are young women, the majority of whom arrive from other countries. In order to combat this scourge, numerous other states have now made it a requirement for alcoholic beverage licensees that operate sexually-oriented establishments to post information on how to call, text or otherwise contact the hotline. This bill will enhance New York state's efforts to fight sex and labor trafficking.

§ 2. The alcoholic beverage control law is amended by adding a new section 65-e to read as follows:

§ 65-e. Posting of signs relating to human trafficking. 1. The authority shall require any person with a license to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises who indicated, pursuant to paragraph (f) of subdivision one of section one hundred ten of this

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

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chapter, that topless entertainment and/or exotic dancing, whether topless or otherwise, including but not limited to, pole dancing and lap dancing, would occur at the establishment, to display one or more signs or posters designated by the authority. Any sign or poster so designated shall meet the following specifications:

(a) Each sign or poster shall include information on human trafficking and the toll free telephone number of the National Human Trafficking hotline. The authority shall make any designated sign or poster available for download from its website or from one or more links posted on its website or on the website of the office of temporary and disability assistance as provided in section four hundred eighty-three-ff of the social services law.

(b) (i) Any sign or poster must be at least eight and one-half inches wide and eleven inches high.

(ii) If the National Human Trafficking hotline toll free number changes, the authority shall notify each licensee that is subject to the posting requirement of this section of the change and shall require the display of one or more signs or posters with the new toll free number within thirty days of such notification.

(iii) At a minimum, the licensee shall be required to display a bilingual version of the sign or poster in English and Spanish or to display one sign or poster in English and one sign or poster in Spanish. A licensee may be required to display signs or posters in other languages as determined by the authority.

(c) Any person with a license to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises that is subject to the posting requirement of this section shall display, in an upright position and in a conspicuous place where it can be easily read by clientele and employees of the establishment, any sign or poster required by the authority.

2. Any person with a license to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises that is subject to the posting requirement of this section who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty, not to exceed one hundred dollars for each day of violation.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.