STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 15, 2022

Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend chapter 154 of the laws of 1921, relating to the port authority of New York and New Jersey, in relation to information concerning services for human trafficking victims in Port Authority bus terminals

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

Section 1. Subparagraphs 4 and 5 of paragraph f of subdivision 3 of article 4 of section 1 of chapter 154 of the laws of 1921, relating to the port authority of New York and New Jersey, as amended by chapter 559 of the laws of 2015, are amended and a new subparagraph 6 is added to read as follows:

(4) establish a policy requiring all commissioners, officers, and employees with decision-making authority to maintain records regarding contact with lobbyists. As used in this subsection: (i) "contact" means any conversation, in person or by telephonic or other electronic means, or correspondence between any lobbyist engaged in the act of lobbying and any person within the port authority who can make or influence a decision on the subject of the lobbying on the behalf of the port authority, and shall include, at a minimum, all members of the board of commissioners and all officers of the port authority, (ii) "lobbyist" shall have the same meaning as defined in the laws or, rules or regulations of either state, and (iii) "lobbying" shall mean and include any attempt to influence: (a) the adoption or rejection of any rule or regulation having the force and effect of law by the port authority, (b) the outcome of any proceeding by the port authority to establish, levy or collect fees, tolls, charges or fares, and (c) the authorization, approval or award of any agreements, contracts or purchase orders, including any settlement of port authority claims, or any extension, amendment or modification of any existing agreement, contract or order; [~~and~~]

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

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(5) have an efficiency study of the port authority and its operations conducted by an independent entity within three years of the effective date of this section and thereafter upon the request of the governors of New York and New Jersey, and if no request is made, no later than three years after the most recent efficiency study was conducted[.]; and

(6) information concerning services for human trafficking victims in port authority bus terminals. 1. Any bus terminal maintained or operated by the port authority shall make available in plain view and in a conspicuous place and manner in the public restrooms, informational cards and/or signs developed by:

(a) the office of temporary and disability assistance in consultation with the New York state interagency task force on human trafficking; or

(b) the United States Department of Homeland Security.

2. All informational cards and signs shall only contain information concerning services for human trafficking victims and shall prominently include the national human trafficking hotline telephone number.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however that this act shall take effect upon the enactment into law by the state of New Jersey of legislation having an identical effect with this act, but if the state of New Jersey shall have already enacted such legislation, this act shall take effect immediately; provided that the chairman of the port authority of New Jersey shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the enactment of the legislation provided for in section one of this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective database of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.