

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HAMILTON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to human trafficking awareness and training

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

1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section
2 205 to read as follows:

3 § 205. Human trafficking awareness and training. 1. Human trafficking
4 recognition training program. a. For purposes of this section, "lodging
5 facility" shall mean any hotel, motel, motor court, apartment hotel,
6 resort, inn, boarding house, rooming house or lodging house.

7 b. Every lodging facility shall require all employees to undergo a
8 human trafficking recognition training program to provide training in
9 the recognition of a human trafficking victim as defined in section four
10 hundred eighty-three-aa of the social services law. Such training
11 program shall be approved by the division of criminal justice services
12 and the office of temporary and disability assistance in consultation
13 with the New York state interagency task force on human trafficking. The
14 training program may be developed by a federal, state, or non-profit
15 organization, and may be incorporated as part of the lodging facility's
16 existing training programs or may be provided by organizations or
17 providers identified by the commissioner of the division of criminal
18 justice services or the commissioner of the office of temporary and
19 disability assistance, provided that the training includes all of the
20 requirements of this section.

21 c. Any human trafficking recognition training program approved by the
22 division of criminal justice services and the office of temporary and
23 disability assistance in consultation with the New York state interagen-
24 cy task force on human trafficking as required in this section shall
25 address no less than the following issues:

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

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- 1 (i) the nature of human trafficking;
2 (ii) how human trafficking is defined in law;
3 (iii) how to identify victims of human trafficking;
4 (iv) relief and recovery options for survivors; and
5 (v) social and legal services available to victims.

6 d. The commissioner of the division of criminal justice services and
7 the commissioner of the office of temporary and disability assistance
8 shall make available no more than six months after the effective date of
9 this section a list of approved human trafficking recognition programs
10 for use by a lodging facility.

11 2. Posting of notice concerning services for human trafficking
12 victims. Every keeper of a lodging facility shall post in plain view and
13 in a conspicuous place and manner in the lobby and in the public rest-
14 rooms of such lodging facility a notice developed by the office of
15 temporary and disability assistance in consultation with the New York
16 state interagency task force on human trafficking which shall include
17 the national human trafficking hotline telephone number.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
19 it shall have become a law; provided however, that effective immediate-
20 ly, the commissioner of the division of criminal justice services and
21 the commissioner of the office of temporary and disability assistance
22 may make regulations and take other actions necessary to implement this
23 act on its effective date.

