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S.B. No. 666

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a sign required to be posted in the restrooms of sexually oriented businesses; creating a criminal offense.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 102, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS ON PREMISES OF SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES

Sec. 102.101. POSTING OF CERTAIN SIGN REQUIRED. (a) A sexually oriented business shall post by the sink area in each restroom on the premises one sign that directs a victim of human trafficking to contact the National Human Trafficking Resource Center. Except as provided by Subsection (c), the sign must be 11 inches by 17 inches in size.

(b) The attorney general by rule shall prescribe the design, content, and manner of display of the sign required by this section. The sign must:

(1) be in both English and Spanish; and
(2) include the telephone number and Internet website of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center.

(c) The attorney general by rule may require the sign to:

(1) be in an additional language other than English or Spanish;
(2) be larger than 11 inches by 17 inches in size if

1 the attorney general determines that a larger sign is appropriate;
2 and

3 (3) include other information the attorney general
4 considers necessary and appropriate.

5 Sec. 102.102. CRIMINAL PENALTY. (a) A person commits an
6 offense if the person:

7 (1) is an owner or operator of a sexually oriented
8 business; and

9 (2) fails to post the sign required by Section 102.101
10 in compliance with that section and rules adopted under that
11 section.

12 (b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.
13 If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this section that the
14 person has previously been convicted of an offense under this
15 section, the offense is a Class B misdemeanor.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The attorney general shall adopt rules to
17 implement Section 102.101, Business & Commerce Code, as added by
18 this Act, not later than September 1, 2018.

19 (b) Each sexually oriented business shall post the sign
20 required by Section 102.101, Business & Commerce Code, as added by
21 this Act, not later than March 1, 2019.

22 SECTION 3. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of
23 this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

24 (b) Section 102.102, Business & Commerce Code, as added by
25 this Act, takes effect March 1, 2019.