

SENATE BILL 352

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By: **Senators Forehand and Raskin**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Information – Sign**
3 **Posting Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the business owner of a privately owned bus station or
5 truck stop located in the State to post in restrooms in a certain manner a
6 certain sign that provides National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline
7 information; requiring a certain agency that determines a certain violation has
8 occurred to provide a certain notice to the business owner of a bus station or
9 truck stop or the business owner’s agent; subjecting a business owner of a bus
10 station or truck stop that violates the sign posting requirement to a certain civil
11 penalty if certain signs are not posted within a certain period of time after the
12 business owner receives a certain notice; specifying that, for each restroom in
13 which the business owner fails to post a sign in accordance with this Act, the
14 business owner is subject to a separate civil penalty; requiring the State
15 Highway Administration to post in a certain manner a certain sign that
16 provides National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information in
17 the restrooms at rest areas within the right-of-way of any interstate or State
18 highway; defining a certain term; and generally relating to sign posting
19 requirements for National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline
20 information.

21 BY adding to
22 Article – Business Regulation
23 Section 19–103
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

26 BY adding to
27 Article – Transportation
28 Section 8–655
29 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

2 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
3 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

4 **Article – Business Regulation**

5 **19–103.**

6 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “TRUCK STOP” MEANS A FACILITY:

7 (1) THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES
8 TO LONG–HAUL TRUCK DRIVERS; AND

9 (2) THAT PROVIDES:

10 (I) SHOWER FACILITIES TO THE TRUCK DRIVERS FOR A
11 FEE; OR

12 (II) PARKING FOR THE TRUCK DRIVERS’ VEHICLES.

13 (B) (1) THE OWNER OF A PRIVATELY OWNED BUS
14 STATION OR TRUCK STOP SHALL POST THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING
15 RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE INFORMATION SIGN DESCRIBED IN § 15–207 OF
16 THIS ARTICLE IN EACH RESTROOM OF THE BUS STATION OR TRUCK STOP.

17 (2) A SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE POSTED:

18 (I) ON THE INSIDE OF EACH STALL DOOR IN THE
19 RESTROOM; OR

20 (II) ON THE BACK OF THE DOOR AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE
21 RESTROOM.

22 (C) (1) AN AGENCY THAT ENFORCES THIS SECTION AND DETERMINES
23 THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION HAS OCCURRED SHALL NOTIFY THE
24 BUSINESS OWNER OF THE BUS STATION OR TRUCK STOP, OR THE BUSINESS
25 OWNER’S AGENT, OF THE VIOLATION.

26 (2) IF THE BUSINESS OWNER OF THE BUS STATION OR TRUCK
27 STOP DOES NOT POST SIGNS AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION WITHIN 24
28 HOURS AFTER RECEIVING THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF
29 THIS SUBSECTION, THE BUSINESS OWNER IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT
30 EXCEEDING \$1,000.

1 **(3) FOR EACH RESTROOM IN WHICH A BUSINESS OWNER FAILS**
2 **TO POST A SIGN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, THE BUSINESS OWNER IS**
3 **SUBJECT TO A SEPARATE CIVIL PENALTY.**

4 **Article – Transportation**

5 **8–655.**

6 **(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL POST THE NATIONAL HUMAN**
7 **TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE INFORMATION SIGN DESCRIBED IN**
8 **§ 15–207 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE IN EACH RESTROOM AT A**
9 **REST AREA WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF AN INTERSTATE OR STATE**
10 **HIGHWAY.**

11 **(B) A SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE POSTED:**

12 **(1) ON THE INSIDE OF EACH STALL DOOR IN THE RESTROOM; OR**

13 **(2) ON THE BACK OF THE DOOR AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE**
14 **RESTROOM.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2012.