SENATE BILL 352

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By: Senators Forehand and Raskin, Raskin, Jacobs, Ramirez, and Zirkin

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CHAPTER

1 AN ACT concerning

National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Information – Sign 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 provides National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information in 16 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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1	(2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)
2 3 4 5 6	BY adding to Article – Transportation Section 8–655 Annotated Code of Maryland (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)
7 8	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
9	Article - Business Regulation
10	19–103.
1	(A) IN THIS SECTION, "TRUCK STOP" MEANS A FACILITY:
12 13	(1) THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO LONG-HAUL TRUCK DRIVERS; AND
14	(2) THAT PROVIDES:
15 16	(I) SHOWER FACILITIES TO THE TRUCK DRIVERS FOR A
17	(II) PARKING FOR THE TRUCK DRIVERS' VEHICLES.
18 19 20 21	(B) (1) THE OWNER OF A PRIVATELY OWNED BUS STATION OR TRUCK STOP SHALL POST THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE INFORMATION SIGN DESCRIBED IN § 15–207 OF THIS ARTICLE IN EACH RESTROOM OF THE BUS STATION OR TRUCK STOP.
22	(2) A SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE POSTED:
23 24	(I) ON THE INSIDE OF EACH STALL DOOR IN THE RESTROOM; OR
25 26	(II) ON THE BACK OF THE DOOR AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE RESTROOM.
27 28 29	(C) (1) AN AGENCY THAT ENFORCES THIS SECTION AND DETERMINES THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION HAS OCCURRED SHALL NOTIFY THE BUSINESS OWNER OF THE BUS STATION OR TRUCK STOP, OR THE BUSINESS OWNER'S AGENT OF THE VIOLATION

1	(2) IF THE BUSINESS OWNER OF THE BUS STATION OR TRUCK
2	STOP DOES NOT POST SIGNS AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION WITHIN 24
3	HOURS AFTER RECEIVING THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF
4	THIS SUBSECTION, THE BUSINESS OWNER IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT
5	EXCEEDING \$1,000.
6	(3) FOR EACH RESTROOM IN WHICH A BUSINESS OWNER FAILS
7	TO POST A SIGN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, THE BUSINESS OWNER IS
8	SUBJECT TO A SEPARATE CIVIL PENALTY.
9	Article - Transportation
10	8-655.
11	(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL POST THE NATIONAL HUMAN
12	TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE INFORMATION SIGN DESCRIBED IN
13	§ 15-207 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE IN EACH RESTROOM AT A
14	REST AREA WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF AN INTERSTATE OR STATE
15	HIGHWAY.
16	(B) A SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE POSTED:
17	(1) ON THE INSIDE OF EACH STALL DOOR IN THE RESTROOM; OR
18	(2) ON THE BACK OF THE DOOR AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE
19	RESTROOM.
20 21	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.
	Approved:
	Governor.
	President of the Senate.
	Speaker of the House of Delegates.