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BILL NO.: HB 270

TITLE: Business Regulation – Innkeepers – Maintenance of Guest Records and Employee Human Trafficking Awareness Training and Policy

SPONSOR: Delegate Ebersole

COMMITTEE: Economic Matters

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: February 2, 2022

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 270 – Business Regulation – Innkeepers – Maintenance of Guest Records and Employee Human Trafficking Awareness Training and Policy. This legislation would require managers of lodging establishments to train employees on the prevention, identification, and reporting of human trafficking and maintain a computerized record-keeping system for guests and receipts.

Human trafficking is a growing public health crisis that demands the attention of the Maryland government to protect all residents and visitors. Baltimore County has already taken steps to fight this crisis, instituting a human trafficking work group and hosting informational webinars to increase awareness and action. This ensures that all residents have the ability to become more informed and learn how they can intervene to stop trafficking. Joint action from the State will amplify efforts being undertaken by Baltimore County and jurisdictions throughout Maryland.

House Bill 270 furthers the fight against human trafficking by putting additional protections in place for those being trafficked through motels, hotels, and inns. This bill provides employees with the adequate training required to prevent, identify, and take action against criminals who partake in human trafficking. It also requires places of lodging to keep a computerized record-keeping system for all guests and receipts, which will assist in identifying perpetrators of sex trafficking.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on House Bill 270. For more information, please contact Joel Beller, Acting Director of Government Affairs at jbeller@baltimorecountymd.gov.