

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 336—ASSEMBLYMEN
BENITEZ-THOMPSON AND HAMBRICK

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing human trafficking.
(BDR 52-166)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to human trafficking; requiring certain businesses and other establishments to post an informational sign relating to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline; providing a civil penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 This bill requires certain businesses and other establishments to post a sign
2 regarding the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline. This bill
3 further requires the Department of Transportation and the Department of Business
4 and Industry to develop a model sign regarding the National Human Trafficking
5 Resource Center Hotline and to include the model sign on their Internet websites. A
6 business or other establishment that fails to post such a sign: (1) for a first violation,
7 must be given a warning by the Attorney General or the district attorney of the
8 county in which the business or establishment is located and 24 hours to correct the
9 violation; and (2) for each subsequent violation, is subject to a \$500 civil penalty
10 for each 24-hour period during which the business or establishment fails to post the
11 sign.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 597 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. Each of the following businesses and other establishments*
4 *shall, upon the availability of the model sign developed pursuant*
5 *to subsection 3, post a sign that complies with the requirements of*



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1 *this section in a conspicuous location near the public entrance of*
2 *the business or establishment or in another conspicuous location*
3 *in clear view of the public and employees where similar signs are*
4 *customarily posted:*

5 (a) *An establishment found to maintain or permit a public*
6 *nuisance relating to prostitution;*

7 (b) *A mass transit facility, including, without limitation, an*
8 *airport, bus station or train station;*

9 (c) *A rest area or truck stop;*

10 (d) *A massage parlor or public spa;*

11 (e) *An establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages by the*
12 *drink for consumption on the premises;*

13 (f) *A sexually oriented business;*

14 (g) *A restaurant;*

15 (h) *A hospital or an independent center for emergency medical*
16 *care;*

17 (i) *A public high school; and*

18 (j) *An employment agency or employment office.*

19 2. *The sign to be posted pursuant to subsection 1 must be at*
20 *least 8 1/2 by 11 inches in size and must contain a notice that is*
21 *clearly legible, written in English, Spanish and any other*
22 *language deemed appropriate by the Director of the Department of*
23 *Business and Industry, and in substantially the following form:*

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25 *If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in*
26 *any activity and cannot leave—whether it is commercial*
27 *sex, housework, farm work or any other activity—call the*
28 *National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at*
29 *(888) 373-7888 to access help and services.*

- 30 • *Victims of human trafficking are protected under the*
31 *laws of the State of Nevada and the United States.*
- 32 • *The Hotline is:*
 - 33 ○ *Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*
 - 34 ○ *Toll-free.*
 - 35 ○ *Operated by a nonprofit, nongovernmental*
36 *organization.*
 - 37 ○ *Anonymous and confidential.*
 - 38 ○ *Accessible in 170 languages.*
 - 39 ○ *Able to provide help, referrals to services,*
40 *training and general information.*

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42 3. *The Department of Transportation and the Department of*
43 *Business and Industry shall develop a model sign as described in*
44 *subsection 2 and include the sign, in English, Spanish and any*
45 *other language deemed appropriate by the Director of the*



1 *Department of Business and Industry, on the Internet websites*
2 *maintained by those Departments.*

3 4. *Upon request from a business or other establishment listed*
4 *in subsection 1, the Department of Transportation or the*
5 *Department of Business and Industry shall send, by first-class*
6 *mail to the business or other establishment, a copy of the model*
7 *sign developed pursuant to subsection 2 in English, Spanish and*
8 *any other language deemed appropriate by the Director of the*
9 *Department of Business and Industry.*

10 5. *The Department of Transportation and the Department of*
11 *Business and Industry may solicit and accept donations of signs*
12 *that satisfy the requirements of this section from a nonprofit*
13 *organization or any other source.*

14 6. *A business or other establishment that violates this section:*

15 (a) *For the first violation, must be given a warning by the*
16 *Attorney General or the district attorney of the county in which*
17 *the business or establishment is located and 24 hours to comply*
18 *with the provisions of this section.*

19 (b) *For the second and any subsequent violation, is subject to a*
20 *civil penalty of not more than \$500. The Attorney General or the*
21 *district attorney of the county in which the business or*
22 *establishment is located may recover the civil penalty in a civil*
23 *action brought in the name of the State of Nevada in any court of*
24 *competent jurisdiction.*

25 ↪ *Each 24-hour period during which the business or*
26 *establishment is not in compliance with the provisions of this*
27 *section constitutes a separate violation.*

28 7. *As used in this section:*

29 (a) *“Employment agency” has the meaning ascribed to it in*
30 *NRS 611.020.*

31 (b) *“Employment office” has the meaning ascribed to it in*
32 *NRS 612.155.*

33 (c) *“Hospital” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.012.*

34 (d) *“Independent center for emergency medical care” has the*
35 *meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.013.*

36 (e) *“Sexual conduct” has the meaning ascribed to it in*
37 *NRS 201.520.*

38 (f) *“Sexually oriented business” means a business that:*

39 (1) *Offers a service intending to provide sexual stimulation*
40 *or sexual gratification to its patrons, including, without limitation,*
41 *an escort service, house of prostitution or bath house;*

42 (2) *Engages in its principal business by use of an employee*
43 *or independent contractor who appears in the nude or who*
44 *exposes his or her genitals or the female breast; or*



1 *(3) Represents or implies that sexual conduct takes place at*
2 *the business location.*

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