

**SENATE BILL 338
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SPONSOR: Sen. Leach

The legislation provides for a free standing act providing for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline and requiring posting.

Certain establishments will be required to post a sign indicating information regarding the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline. Establishments include: massage parlors, holders of liquor licenses, adult entertainment establishments, hotels and motels found to be drug-related nuisances, mass transportation stations and Department of Transportation rest areas or welcome centers.

Signs shall be a certain size and contain specific information.

Civil penalties of no more than \$500 may be imposed for non-compliance. Liens may be filed in the office of the county Prothonotary for nonpayment of fines.

Effective in 60 days.

According to the National Human Trafficking Center, human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises, with estimates of a minimum of 5,000 and up to 60,000 people trafficked against their will in the United States annually. Trafficking victims are typically used in low cost labor or prostitution schemes.

Pennsylvania is considered a "pass through" state as well as a destination state for trafficking due to its location and access to major interstate highways.

In 2006, Chapter 30 was added to 18 Pa. C. S. (Crimes and Offenses) to establish the crime of human trafficking. In 2010, Senate Resolution 253 was adopted, directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the problem of human trafficking and issue recommendations to the General Assembly. The Commission's report is due in 2012. Commission staff reports that sign requirements will be included in recommendations.

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