

STRENGTHEN HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS

SECTION 17.4.(a) Article 27 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 14-202.13. Human trafficking public awareness sign.

An adult establishment, as defined in G.S. 14-202.10, shall prominently display on the premises in a place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to employees and the public a public awareness sign created and provided by the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission that contains the National Human Trafficking Resource hotline information."

SECTION 17.4.(b) G.S. 18B-1003 reads as rewritten:

"§ 18B-1003. Responsibilities of permittee.

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(c1) Posting Human Trafficking Hotline. – All permittees shall prominently display on the premises in a place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to employees and the public a public awareness sign created and provided by the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission that contains the National Human Trafficking Resource hotline information.

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SECTION 17.4.(c) Article 1 of Chapter 19 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 19-8.4. Human trafficking public awareness sign.

The owner, operator, or agent in charge of a business described in G.S. 19-1.2 shall prominently display on the premises in a place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to employees and the public a public awareness sign created and provided by the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission that contains the National Human Trafficking Resource hotline information."

SECTION 17.4.(d) Article 5 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 131E-84.1. Human trafficking public awareness sign.

Each hospital licensed under this Article shall prominently display in its emergency room or emergency department in a place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to employees and the public a public awareness sign created and provided by the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission that contains the National Human Trafficking Resource hotline information."

SECTION 17.4.(e) G.S. 143B-348 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-348. Department of Transportation – head; rules, regulations, etc., of Board of Transportation.

(a) The Secretary of Transportation shall be the head of the Department of Transportation. He shall carry out the day-to-day operations of the Department and shall be responsible for carrying out the policies, programs, priorities, and projects approved by the Board of Transportation. He shall be responsible for all other transportation matters assigned to the Department of Transportation, except those reserved to the Board of Transportation by statute. Except as otherwise provided for by statute, the Secretary shall have all the powers and duties as provided for in Article 1 of Chapter 143B including the responsibility for all management functions for the Department of Transportation. The Secretary shall be vested with authority to adopt design criteria, construction specifications, and standards as required for the Department of Transportation to construct and maintain highways, bridges, and ferries. The Secretary or the Secretary's designee shall be vested with authority to promulgate rules and regulations concerning all transportation functions assigned to the Department.

(b) All rules, regulations, ordinances, specifications, standards, and criteria adopted by the Board of Transportation and in effect on July 1, 1977, shall continue in effect until changed by the Board of Transportation or the Secretary of Transportation. The Secretary shall have complete authority to modify any of these matters existing on July 1, 1977, except as specifically restricted by the Board. Whenever any such criteria, rule, regulation, ordinance, specification, or standards are continued in effect under this section and the words "Board of Transportation" are used, the words shall mean the "Department of Transportation" unless the context makes such meaning inapplicable. All actions pending in court by or

against the Board of Transportation may continue to be prosecuted in that name without the necessity of formally amending the name to the Department of Transportation.

(c) The Secretary of Transportation shall require that every transportation station, rest area, and welcome center in the State prominently display in a place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to employees and the public a public awareness sign created and provided by the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission that contains the National Human Trafficking Resource hotline information."

SECTION 17.4.(f) Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 143B-431.3. Human trafficking public awareness sign.

The Secretary of the Department of Commerce shall require that every JobLink or other center under its authority that offers employment or training services to the public prominently display in a place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to employees and the public a public awareness sign created and provided by the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission that contains the National Human Trafficking Resource hotline information."

SECTION 17.4.(g) This section is effective when it becomes law.