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HOUSE BILL NO. 1200

Offered January 19, 2012

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 40.1 a section numbered 40.1-11.3, relating to human trafficking hotline; posted notices.*

Patrons—Bulova, Filler-Corn, Kilgore and LeMunyon

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 40.1 a section numbered 40.1-11.3 as follows:

§ 40.1-11.3. Human trafficking hotline; posted notice required.

A. Any person who (i) owns a business that provides entertainment commonly called stripteasing or topless entertaining or entertainment that has employees who are not clad both above and below the waist and (ii) fails to post the following notice in a clearly visible place on the premises thereof is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor:

"IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS BEING FORCED TO ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITY AND CANNOT LEAVE, WHETHER IT IS COMMERCIAL SEX, HOUSEWORK, OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY, CALL THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE AT 1-888-3737-888 TO ACCESS HELP AND SERVICES."

The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to businesses providing entertainment in theaters, concert halls, art centers, museums, or similar establishments that are devoted primarily to the arts or theatrical performances, when the performances that are presented are expressing matters of serious literary, artistic, scientific, or political value.

B. The Secretary of Commerce and Trade shall (i) determine the size of the notice, (ii) determine the languages in which the notice is to be posted, and (iii) publish the notice size and notice languages, and make the notice available in each of those languages, on the website of the Department and by any other means of publication the Secretary deems appropriate. The Secretary is not otherwise required to produce or distribute the notice.

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