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SENATE BILL NO. 725

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice
on January 31, 2018)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Dunnavant)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 1 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-34.2 and by adding sections numbered 32.1-133.1 and 33.2-267.1, relating to posting notice of the human trafficking hotline.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 1 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-34.2 and by adding sections numbered 32.1-133.1 and 33.2-267.1 as follows:

§ 32.1-34.2. *Human trafficking hotline; posted notice required.*

Each local department of health shall post notice of the existence of a human trafficking hotline to alert possible witnesses or victims of human trafficking to the availability of a means to report crimes or gain assistance. The notice required by this section shall (i) be posted in a place readily visible and accessible to the public and (ii) meet the requirements specified in subsection C of § 40.1-11.3.

§ 32.1-133.1. *Human trafficking hotline; posted notice required; civil penalty.*

Any health care facility (i) licensed as a hospital pursuant to § 32.1-125 that includes an emergency department or that is a dedicated emergency department as defined in 42 C.F.R. § 489.24(b), (ii) operating as a clinic which is organized in whole or in part for the delivery of health care services without charge, (iii) in which five or more first trimester abortions are performed a month, or (iv) in which the majority of patients are seen without appointments shall post notice of the existence of a human trafficking hotline to alert possible witnesses or victims of human trafficking to the availability of a means to report crimes or gain assistance. The notice required by this section shall be posted in a place readily visible and accessible to the public such as the entrance, admitting area, or public restrooms of such facility. Such notice shall meet the requirements specified in subsection C of § 40.1-11.3. The State Board shall promulgate regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

§ 33.2-267.1. *Human trafficking hotline; posted notice required.*

The Department shall post notice at all rest areas along Interstate System highways in the Commonwealth of the existence of a human trafficking hotline to alert possible witnesses or victims of human trafficking to the availability of a means to report crimes or gain assistance. The notice required by this section shall (i) be posted in a place readily visible and accessible to the public and (ii) meet the requirements specified in subsection C of § 40.1-11.3.