

HOUSE No. 4437

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 24, 2020.

The committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2148) of Thomas P. Walsh, Joan B. Lovely and others relative to requiring human trafficking recognition training for certain hospitality workers, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4437) ought to pass.

For the committee,

HAROLD P. NAUGHTON, JR..

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act requiring human trafficking recognition for certain hospitality workers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1. Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
2 6B the following section:-

3 Section 6C. (a) As used in this section the following words shall, unless the context
4 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

5 “Attorney General”, the attorney general of the commonwealth established pursuant to
6 section 1 of chapter 12 of the General Laws.

7 “Innholder”, a person licensed pursuant to section 2.

8 “Qualified accommodation” a hotel, motel, lodging house or bed and breakfast
9 establishment, as defined in section 1 of chapter 64G.

10 (b) (1) The attorney general shall establish an innholder awareness program to provide
11 training on human trafficking recognition which shall include, but shall not be limited to, training
12 on:

- 13 (i) the nature of human trafficking;
- 14 (ii) how human trafficking is defined pursuant to section 50 and 51 of chapter 265;
- 15 (iii) how to identify victims of human trafficking, as defined in section 20M of chapter
16 233;
- 17 (iv) how to identify people engaged in human trafficking in violation of section 50 or
18 section 51 of chapter 265.
- 19 (v) relief and recovery options for victims or survivors; and
- 20 (vi) social and legal services available to victims or survivors.
- 21 (2) The attorney general shall annually publish a statewide list of organizations or
22 providers approved to conduct human trafficking recognition training programs by January 1st.
- 23 (3) The attorney general shall develop a standard written notice to be posted in every
24 qualified accommodation pursuant to subsection (c)
- 25 (4) The attorney general shall promulgate rules and regulations for the administration and
26 enforcement of this section.
- 27 (c) (1) An innholder operating a qualified accommodation shall annually provide all
28 employees with training on human trafficking recognition. Said training shall be conducted by an
29 organization or provider approved by the attorney general pursuant to subsection (b). An
30 innholder operating a qualified accommodation shall require every employee to participate in
31 said program.

32 (2) An innholder operating a qualified accommodation shall post in plain view, in the
33 lobby and in any public restroom of such qualified accommodation, a written notice developed
34 by the attorney general, which shall include the national human trafficking hotline telephone
35 number.

36 (3) Any employee of innholder operating a qualified accommodation who suspects a
37 person is engaged in human trafficking on the premises of the qualified accommodation shall
38 immediately report any suspected human trafficking activity to the manager of the qualified
39 accommodation. A manager in receipt of a report of suspected human trafficking activity shall
40 immediately notify the local police department.

41 (d)(1) An innholder operating a qualified accommodation that fails to train their
42 employees pursuant to subsection (c) shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500 or an
43 amount established by the attorney general pursuant to clause (4) of subsection (b).

44 (2) An innholder operating a qualified accommodation that fails to post written notice
45 required by subsection (c) shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$300 or an amount
46 established by the attorney general pursuant to clause (4) of subsection (b).

47 (3) An innholder operating a qualified accommodation that fails to notify local police of a
48 report of suspected human trafficking activity by a manger or an employee shall be punished by
49 a fine of not less than \$500 or an amount established by the attorney general pursuant to clause
50 (4) of subsection (b). .

51 (e) This section shall not apply to accommodations exempt from the room occupancy
52 excise pursuant to section 2 of chapter 64G.

53 SECTION 2. Subsection (c) and (d) of section 6C of chapter 140 of the General Laws
54 shall take effect July 1, 2020.