

HOUSE No. 2726

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Walsh and Joan B. Lovely

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring human trafficking recognition training for certain hospitality workers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>3/12/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>3/12/2025</i>
<i>Tara T. Hong</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/21/2025</i>

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By Representative Walsh of Peabody and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2726) of Thomas P. Walsh relative to requiring human trafficking recognition training for certain hospitality workers. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act requiring human trafficking recognition training 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 Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 6B the following section:-

3 Section 6C.

4 (a) For the purposes of this section, “qualified accommodation” shall mean a hotel, motel,
5 lodging house or bed and breakfast establishment, as defined in section 1 of chapter 64G, except
6 for accommodations exempt from the room occupancy excise pursuant to section 2 of said
7 chapter 64G.

8 (b) Every licensed innholder operating a qualified accommodation shall establish a
9 human trafficking recognition training program, and shall require every employee of such
10 accommodation to participate in the training program. The training program shall be approved by
11 the attorney general, and may be provided by organizations or providers approved by the
12 attorney general pursuant to subsection (d). The training program may be developed by a federal,

13 state or nonprofit organization, and may be incorporated as part of the innholder's existing
14 training programs. Human trafficking recognition training programs required pursuant to this
15 section shall include, but shall not be limited to training relative to:

16 (i) the nature of human trafficking;

17 (ii) how human trafficking is defined pursuant to the federal Victims of Trafficking and
18 Violence Protection Act of 2000;

19 (iii) how to identify victims of human trafficking, as defined pursuant to the federal
20 Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000;

21 (c) Every licensed innholder operating a qualified accommodation shall post in plain
22 view, in the lobby and in any public restroom of such qualified accommodation, a written notice
23 developed by the attorney general, which shall include the national human trafficking hotline
24 telephone number.

25 (d) The attorney general shall:

26 (i) make available a list of approved human trafficking recognition training programs for
27 use by a licensed innholder operating a qualified accommodation pursuant to this section;

28 (ii) develop a standard written notice to be posted in every qualified accommodation
29 pursuant to subsection (c).

30 (e) The attorney general shall promulgate regulations necessary to implement this section.