

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

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*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 to prevent human trafficking through increased public awareness.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

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*Second Bristol and Plymouth*

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SEE SENATE, NO. 1063 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to prevent human trafficking through increased public awareness.

*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 6C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following sections:-

3 Section 80. (a) The department shall display public awareness signs that contain the  
4 National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline, or a successor hotline, along with basic  
5 information regarding the signs of human trafficking, in every transportation station, rest area,  
6 and welcome center that is open to the public.

7 (b) Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority stations, busses, trains, subway cars, street cars,  
8 and passenger vehicles shall display, in a conspicuous location, public awareness signs that  
9 contain the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline, or a successor hotline, along  
10 with basic information regarding the signs of human trafficking.

11 (c) Regional Transit Authority stations, busses, and passenger vehicles shall display, in a  
12 conspicuous location, public awareness signs that contain the National Human Trafficking  
13 Resource Center Hotline, or a successor hotline, along with basic information regarding the signs  
14 of human trafficking.

15 (d) Massachusetts Port Authority airports and ferry terminals shall display, in a  
16 conspicuous location, public awareness signs that contain the National Human Trafficking  
17 Resource Center Hotline, or a successor hotline, along with basic information regarding the signs  
18 of human trafficking.

19 Section 81. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations, in collaboration with  
20 the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, regional transit authorities, and Massachusetts  
21 Port Authority, to provide anti-human trafficking education and training for all new and existing  
22 employees, including but not limited to bus drivers, street car and train operators, ferry boat  
23 operators, venders and ticket collectors, custodial and sanitation workers, mechanics, and any  
24 other employee having frequent interaction with the public or who may come in contact with a  
25 victim of human trafficking, or is likely to receive in the course of their employment a report  
26 from another employee about suspected human trafficking.

27 The anti-human trafficking education and training may be incorporated into existing  
28 employment training programs and, at a minimum, shall include:

29 (i) the definition of commercial exploitation, human trafficking, sex trafficking, and  
30 labor trafficking;

31 (ii) common physical and emotional signs of human trafficking in victims;

32 (iii) guidance and emergency response training for employees who encounter  
33 suspected human trafficking activities including protocols on how to report suspected human  
34 trafficking activity, including but not limited to, national anti-human trafficking hotlines (1-888-  
35 373-7888 and text line 233733), state and local police, and any appropriate federal law  
36 enforcement authorities; and

37 (iv) education on identifying potential victims and vulnerable populations most at risk  
38 to be victims of human trafficking.

39 The department may collaborate with public entities and non-profit organizations for the  
40 acquisition of educational materials, trainings, or other resources to carry out said regulations;  
41 provided further, that the department shall review and periodically update said regulations at  
42 least once biannually in order to ensure education and training programs incorporate best  
43 practices to combat human trafficking and provide appropriate assistance to victims.

44 SECTION 2. Section 8 of chapter 90F of the General Laws as so appearing, is hereby  
45 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraphs:-

46 A person convicted of trafficking of persons for sexual servitude under section 50 of  
47 chapter 265, trafficking of persons for forced services under section 51 of said chapter 265, or  
48 under 18 U.S.C. § 1581, 1583, 1584, 1589, 1590, or 1591 shall be disqualified from obtaining  
49 any license to operate a commercial motor vehicle as defined by section 1.

50 No person, having been disqualified from obtaining a commercial motor vehicle license  
51 under this section shall have said license reinstated for any reason except in such case wherein  
52 the convicted person has been granted judicial relief by a state or federal court of competent

53 jurisdiction on grounds which tend to establish the innocence of the individual as prescribed by  
54 section 1(C) of chapter 258D.

55 SECTION 3. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
56 inserting after section 51L the following section:-

57 Section 51M. The department shall require each hospital licensed pursuant to this chapter  
58 to display, in a conspicuous location, public awareness signs that contain the National Human  
59 Trafficking Resource Center Hotline, or a successor hotline, along with basic information  
60 regarding the signs of human trafficking.

61 SECTION 4. Section 2 of chapter 159A ½ of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
62 hereby amended by inserting after subsection (m) the following subsections:-

63 (n) In consultation with the registry of motor vehicles, the division shall provide for the  
64 establishment of removable decals to be placed in a conspicuous place within the vehicle that  
65 contain the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline, or a successor hotline, along  
66 with basic information regarding the signs of human trafficking.

67 (o) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations requiring transportation  
68 network companies to provide anti-human trafficking education materials to all new and existing  
69 transportation network drivers as defined in section 1 of this statute. The materials shall include:

70 (i) the definition of commercial exploitation, human trafficking, sex trafficking, and  
71 labor trafficking;

72 (ii) common physical and emotional signs of human trafficking in victims;

73 (iii) guidance and emergency response tips for drivers who encounter suspected  
74 human trafficking activities including protocols on how to report suspected human trafficking  
75 activity, including but not limited to, national anti-human trafficking hotlines (1-888-373-7888  
76 and text line 233733), state and local police, and any appropriate federal law enforcement  
77 authorities; and

78 (iv) education on identifying potential victims and vulnerable populations most at risk  
79 to be victims of human trafficking.

80 The department may collaborate with non-profit organizations or other state or federal  
81 agencies for the creation, procurement, and distribution of said educational materials to  
82 transportation network companies and drivers.

83 SECTION 5. Section 4(b) of chapter 159A ½ of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
84 hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:-

85 (ix) has given written confirmation of the receipt of anti-human trafficking educational  
86 materials to the transportation network company pursuant to section 2(o) of this chapter. The  
87 transportation network company shall retain such receipt from the driver for the duration of the  
88 driver's certificate.

89 SECTION 6. Section 100A of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
90 hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

91 A person convicted under section 50 or 51 of chapter 265 of the General Laws or U.S.C.  
92 § 1581, 1583, 1584, 1589, 1590, or 1591 shall not be eligible to seal said records under section  
93 100A of chapter 276 of the general laws.

94           SECTION 7. The department shall promulgate regulations pursuant to section 1 within  
95 180 days from the effective date of this act.

96           SECTION 8. The department shall promulgate regulations pursuant to section 4 within  
97 180 days of the effective date of this act.