

Senate Bill 370

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-5-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 posting model notice with human trafficking hotline information in business and on internet,
3 so as to require certain establishments to post human trafficking hotline information; to
4 amend Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
5 massage therapy practice, so as to provide for human trafficking awareness training for board
6 members; to provide for inspections of massage therapy practices; to require licensees to
7 display a photograph along with their massage therapy practice licenses; to provide for
8 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Code Section 16-5-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to posting model
12 notice with human trafficking hotline information in business and on internet, is amended by
13 adding two new paragraphs to subsection (a) and revising subsection (b) as follows:

14 "(3.1) 'Body art studio' shall have the same meaning as set forth in paragraph (3) of Code
15 Section 31-40-1.

(3.2) 'Convenience store' means a retail establishment which offers for sale packaged or unprepared food and grocery items for consumption off the premises and may sell fuel products, household items, or tobacco products. This shall not include establishments that offer for sale more than 20 different cuts of refrigerated meats or more than 50 types of whole produce."

"(b) Effective September 15, 2013, the following businesses and other establishments shall post the notice described in subsection (c) of this Code section, or a substantially similar notice, in English, Spanish, and any other language deemed appropriate by the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, in each public restroom for the business or establishment and either in a conspicuous place near the public entrance of the business or establishment or in another conspicuous location in clear view of the public and employees where similar notices are customarily posted:

- (1) Adult entertainment establishments;
- (2) Bars;
- (3) Primary airports;
- (4) Passenger rail or light rail stations;
- (5) Bus stations;
- (6) Truck stops;
- (7) Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals;
- (8) Urgent care centers;
- (9) Farm labor contractors and day haulers;
- (10) Privately operated job recruitment centers;
- (11) Safety rest areas located along interstate highways in this state;
- (12) Hotels;
- (13) Businesses and establishments that offer massage or bodywork services by a massage therapist or a person who is not a massage therapist; ~~and~~

(14) Government buildings; provided, however, that in the case of leased property, this paragraph shall only apply to public restrooms that are a part of such lease for exclusive use by the government entity;

(15) Convenience stores; and

(16) Body art studios."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 24A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to massage therapy practice, is amended by adding a new subsection to Code Section 43-24A-5, relating to qualifications of board members and removal, to read as follows:

"(d) Each board member shall annually complete at least one-half hour of training in human trafficking awareness and prevention and shall provide documentation of such training to the chairperson of the board."

SECTION 3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of Code Section 43-24A-7, relating to powers of the board, as follows:

~~"(4) Upon reasonable notice, request~~ Initiate on-site inspections of the facility, equipment, policies, and practices of a massage therapy business or board recognized massage therapy educational program by appropriate inspectors in the ~~Office~~ office of the Secretary of State for the purpose of determining compliance with the standards established pursuant to this chapter;"

SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 43-24A-14, relating to display of the license certificate, expiration and renewal of licenses, liability insurance coverage, change of address, and inactive status, as follows:

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