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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to human trafficking; creating s.

787.08, F.S.; providing legislative findings;

authorizing the Department of Transportation and

787.08, F.S.; providing legislative findings; authorizing the Department of Transportation and business owners to display human trafficking public awareness signs at specified locations; requiring the Attorney General to approve the form and content of such signs; providing sign description; authorizing rulemaking; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 787.08, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

The Legislature finds that the exploitation and trade

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787.08 Human trafficking public awareness signs.-

of human beings is the equivalent of erstwhile practices of

human captivity and, as such, is an equally lucrative industry.

people fall prey to trafficking every year. Women and children

are the most vulnerable victims of trafficking, although,

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Human beings are not to be traded for bonded or forced labor or sexual exploitation. It is estimated that more than 4 million

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increasingly, men are also being trafficked to work as unskilled

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turnpike service plaza, weigh station, and welcome center in the state that is open to the public.

- (3) A business owner may display at his or her establishment a public awareness sign developed under subsection (4) near the public entrance of the establishment or in another conspicuous location that is clearly visible to both the public and employees of the establishment.
- (4) (a) The Attorney General shall approve the form and content of a sign authorized by this section.
- (b) The public awareness sign must be at least 8.5 inches by 11 inches in size, must be printed in at least a 16-point type, and may include, but is not limited to, the following in English, Spanish, or any other language approved by the Attorney General:

"If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in an activity and is being held against your or his or her will, whether it is housework, farm work, factory work, retail work, restaurant work, or any other activity, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at [insert number] or text INFO or HELP to [insert number] to access help and services. Victims of human trafficking are protected under United States and Florida law."

- (5) The Attorney General may adopt rules to implement this section.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.