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An act relating to human trafficking; creating s. 787.29, F.S.; requiring the Department of Transportation, the Department of Health, and certain employers to display human trafficking public awareness signs at specified locations; providing public awareness sign requirements; authorizing a county commission to adopt an enforcement ordinance; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 787.29, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

787.29 Human trafficking public awareness signs.—

(1) The Department of Transportation shall display a public awareness sign developed under subsection (4) in every rest area, turnpike service plaza, weigh station, primary airport, passenger rail station, and welcome center in the state which is open to the public.

(2) Emergency rooms shall display a public awareness sign developed under subsection (4) in the emergency rooms at general acute care hospitals.

(3) The employer at each of the following establishments shall display a public awareness sign developed under subsection (4) in a conspicuous location that is clearly visible to the



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27 public and employees of the establishment:

28 (a) A strip club or other adult entertainment  
29 establishment.

30 (b) A business or establishment that offers massage or  
31 bodywork services for compensation that is not owned by a health  
32 care profession regulated pursuant to chapter 456 and defined in  
33 s. 456.001.

34 (4) The required public awareness sign must be at least  
35 8.5 inches by 11 inches in size, must be printed in at least a  
36 16-point type, and must state substantially the following in  
37 English and Spanish:

38 "If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in an  
39 activity and cannot leave—whether it is prostitution,  
40 housework, farm work, factory work, retail work, restaurant  
41 work, or any other activity—call the National Human  
42 Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888 or text INFO  
43 or HELP to 233-733 to access help and services. Victims of  
44 slavery and human trafficking are protected under United  
45 States and Florida law."

46 (5) The county commission may adopt an ordinance to  
47 enforce subsection (3). A violation of subsection (3) is a  
48 noncriminal violation and punishable by a fine only as provided  
49 in s. 775.083.

50 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.