



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 116**

February Session, 2026



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Not later than November  
2 15, 2026, and the fifteenth day of each calendar month thereafter, the  
3 Commissioner of Revenue Services shall disclose, in a publicly  
4 accessible location on the Department of Revenue Services' Internet web  
5 site, the name and address of each operator of a hotel, lodging house or  
6 bed and breakfast establishment who remitted the use tax imposed  
7 under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of section 12-411 of the  
8 general statutes during the most recently completed calendar month.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section,  
10 "municipality" means any town, city, borough, consolidated town and  
11 city or consolidated town and borough.

12 (b) The chief executive official of a municipality, or such official's  
13 designee, shall:

14 (1) Have the power to examine, copy and audit, as such official or  
15 designee deems necessary and proper, the records maintained by the  
16 operator of a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging within the municipality  
17 to ensure that such operator is in compliance with the provisions of  
18 sections 44-4 to 44-6, inclusive, of the general statutes and subsection (a)

19 of section 54-234a of the general statutes; and

20 (2) Have access to, and may enter and inspect, at all reasonable hours,  
21 a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging within the municipality, and each  
22 location where records relating thereto are kept, as may be necessary for  
23 such official or designee to exercise such official's or designee's powers  
24 under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

25 (c) (1) A municipality may, by ordinance adopted by its legislative  
26 body or, where the legislative body is a town meeting, by the board of  
27 selectmen:

28 (A) Authorize the chief executive official of the municipality, or such  
29 official's designee, to issue an order prohibiting the operation of any  
30 hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging within such municipality that is  
31 found to be in violation of any provision of sections 44-4 to 44-6,  
32 inclusive, of the general statutes or subsection (a) of section 54-234a of  
33 the general statutes; and

34 (B) Establish a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars  
35 per violation of any provision of sections 44-4 to 44-6, inclusive, of the  
36 general statutes or subsection (a) of section 54-234a of the general  
37 statutes.

38 (2) Any ordinance adopted under subdivision (1) of this subsection  
39 shall provide for notice and an opportunity for a hearing prior to the  
40 issuance of an order, or imposition of a civil penalty, under such  
41 ordinance.

42 (3) Any person who is aggrieved by an order issued, or assessed a  
43 civil penalty imposed, under an ordinance adopted under subdivision  
44 (1) of this subsection may appeal therefrom to the superior court for the  
45 judicial district in which the municipality is located.

46 (4) The remedies and penalties authorized under subdivision (1) of  
47 this subsection shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to any other  
48 penalties and remedies available at law, or in equity, to any person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

**GL**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*