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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 116

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
5 Protection;

6 (2) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

7 (3) "Hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging" means any commercial
8 establishment in this state where sleeping accommodations are offered
9 to transient guests for compensation;

10 (4) "Operator" means any person doing business in this state who
11 owns or operates a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging; and

12 (5) "Person" means any individual, association, corporation, limited
13 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity.

14 (b) (1) On and after January 1, 2027, each operator shall register with
15 the Department of Consumer Protection in a form and manner
16 prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Each operator
17 seeking an initial registration under this subdivision shall submit to the
18 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, (A)
19 an initial registration form that includes (i) the operator's name, business
20 address, telephone number and electronic mail address, (ii) the name,
21 business address, telephone number and electronic mail address of an
22 individual who will serve as the operator's main contact person for the
23 department, (iii) the address of each hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging
24 owned or operated by the operator, (iv) information sufficient to
25 demonstrate, to the commissioner's satisfaction, that the operator is in
26 compliance with the provisions of sections 44-4 to 44-6, inclusive, of the
27 general statutes, as amended by this act, and section 54-234a of the
28 general statutes, as amended by this act, and (v) any other information
29 required by the commissioner for the purposes of this section, and (B) a
30 nonrefundable initial registration fee in the amount of (i) fifty dollars for
31 each hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging owned or operated by the
32 operator that has fewer than fifteen guest rooms, or (ii) two hundred
33 dollars for each hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging owned or operated
34 by the operator that has at least fifteen guest rooms.

35 (2) Each initial registration issued under subdivision (1) of this
36 subsection shall expire on December thirty-first of the year in which
37 such initial registration was issued, and may be renewed for additional
38 one-year periods upon submission of a registration renewal form in the
39 form and manner, and payment of a nonrefundable registration renewal
40 fee in the amount, set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection for an
41 initial registration.

42 (c) On and after January 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Consumer
43 Protection, or the commissioner's authorized agent, shall have the
44 power to examine, copy and audit, as the commissioner or such agent

45 deems necessary and proper, the records maintained by an operator to
46 ensure that such operator is in compliance with the provisions of
47 sections 44-4 to 44-6, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by
48 this act, and section 54-234a of the general statutes, as amended by this
49 act. The commissioner, or the commissioner's authorized agent, shall
50 have access to, and may enter and inspect, each hotel, motel, inn or
51 similar lodging, and each location where records relating thereto are
52 kept, as may be necessary for the commissioner or such agent to exercise
53 the commissioner's or such agent's powers under this section.

54 Sec. 2. Section 44-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the
55 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

56 (a) As used in this section, "hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging" and
57 "operator" have the same meanings as provided in section 1 of this act.

58 (b) The operator of [each] a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging shall
59 maintain a record-keeping system of all guest transactions and receipts.
60 All records maintained pursuant to this section shall be retained by the
61 operator of [such] the hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging for not less
62 than six months from the date of creation of the record.

63 (c) Any operator who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of this
64 section shall be subject to a civil penalty imposed by the Department of
65 Consumer Protection in the amount of one thousand dollars per
66 violation, provided the amount of all civil penalties imposed on an
67 operator under this subsection shall not exceed an aggregate amount of
68 five thousand dollars for the calendar year in which such violations
69 occurred.

70 Sec. 3. Section 44-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the
71 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

72 (a) As used in this section, "hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging" and
73 "operator" have the same meanings as provided in section 1 of this act.

74 (b) The operator of [each] a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging shall

75 ensure that each employee of [such] the hotel, motel, inn or similar
76 lodging [receive] receives training at the time of hire on the (1)
77 recognition of potential victims of human trafficking, and (2) activities
78 commonly associated with human trafficking. In addition, such
79 operator shall conduct ongoing awareness campaigns for employees on
80 the activities commonly associated with human trafficking.

81 (c) On or before October [1, 2017, and] first, annually, [thereafter,] the
82 operator of [each] a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging shall certify that
83 each employee of [any such establishment] the hotel, motel, inn or
84 similar lodging has received the training prescribed by subsection (b) of
85 this section in [each] such employee's personnel file.

86 (d) Any operator who violates the provisions of subsection (b) or (c)
87 of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty imposed by the
88 Department of Consumer Protection in the amount of one thousand
89 dollars per violation, provided the amount of all civil penalties imposed
90 on an operator under this subsection shall not exceed an aggregate
91 amount of five thousand dollars for the calendar year in which such
92 violations occurred.

93 Sec. 4. Section 44-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the
94 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

95 (a) As used in this section, "hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging" and
96 "operator" have the same meanings as provided in section 1 of this act.

97 (b) When offering or providing a room that includes sleeping
98 accommodations, no operator of a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging
99 may offer or provide a financial discount or benefit for such room that
100 is based upon an hourly rate or an occupancy period that is for a term
101 of twelve hours or less.

102 (c) Any operator who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of this
103 section shall be subject to a civil penalty imposed by the Department of
104 Consumer Protection in the amount of one thousand dollars per
105 violation, provided the amount of all civil penalties imposed on an

106 operator under this subsection shall not exceed an aggregate amount of
107 five thousand dollars for the calendar year in which such violations
108 occurred.

109 Sec. 5. Section 54-234a of the general statutes is repealed and the
110 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

111 (a) (1) The operator of any (A) establishment that provides massage
112 services for a fee; (B) publicly or privately operated highway service
113 plaza; (C) [hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging; (D)] public airport, as
114 defined in section 15-74a; [(E)] (D) acute care hospital emergency room;
115 [(F)] (E) urgent care facility; [(G)] (F) station offering passenger rail
116 service or passenger bus service; [(H)] (G) business that sells or offers
117 for sale materials or promotes performances intended for an adult-only
118 audience; [(I)] (H) employment agency, as defined in section 31-129, that
119 offers personnel services to any other operator described in this
120 subdivision; [(J)] (I) establishment that provides services performed by
121 a nail technician, as defined in section 19a-231; [or (K)] (J) establishment
122 that provides services performed by an esthetician, as defined in section
123 20-265a; or (K) hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging, and (2) each person
124 who holds an on-premises consumption permit for the retail sale of
125 alcoholic liquor pursuant to title 30, shall post the notice developed
126 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 54-222 in plain view in a
127 conspicuous location where labor and services are provided or
128 performed, tickets are sold and other transactions, including sales, are
129 to be carried on.

130 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
131 any person who holds an on-premises consumption permit for the retail
132 sale of alcoholic liquor pursuant to title 30 that consists of only one or
133 more of the following: (1) A caterer, boat, military, charitable
134 organization, special club, temporary liquor or temporary beer permit,
135 or (2) a manufacturer permit for a farm winery, a manufacturer permit
136 for beer, manufacturer permits for beer and brew pubs, or any other
137 manufacturer permit issued under title 30.

138 (c) (1) Any operator or person who fails to comply with [the
 139 provisions of] any provision of subparagraphs (A) to (I), inclusive, of
 140 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section or subdivision (2) of
 141 subsection (a) of this section shall pay a civil penalty of one hundred
 142 dollars for a first violation and two hundred fifty dollars for any
 143 subsequent violation, imposed by the appropriate authority. [.]

144 (2) Any operator who fails to comply with the provisions of
 145 subparagraph (K) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section shall
 146 pay a civil penalty of one thousand dollars per violation imposed by the
 147 Department of Consumer Protection, provided the amount of all civil
 148 penalties imposed on an operator under this subdivision shall not
 149 exceed an aggregate amount of five thousand dollars for the calendar
 150 year in which such violations occurred.

151 (3) Each civil penalty imposed under subdivision (1) or (2) of this
 152 subsection shall be in addition to any proceedings for suspension or
 153 revocation of a license, permit or certificate that the appropriate
 154 authority may initiate under any other provision of law."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2026	44-4
Sec. 3	October 1, 2026	44-5
Sec. 4	October 1, 2026	44-6
Sec. 5	October 1, 2026	54-234a