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BILLS 257: Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 17.4: Strengthen Human Trafficking Laws

OVERVIEW: Section 17.4 of S.L. 2017-57 requires public-awareness signs containing information about the National Human Trafficking Resource hotline to be displayed at specified establishments and locations. This section became effective June 28, 2017.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 17.4 requires the following establishments or locations to display a public awareness sign created and provided by the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission containing information about the National Human Trafficking Resource hotline:

- Adult establishments (adult bookstores, adult motion picture theatres, adult mini motion picture theatres, adult live entertainment businesses, and massage businesses)
- North Carolina Alcohol Beverage Control Commission permittees
- Owners, operators, or agents in charge of a business engaged in prostitution, gambling, illegal sales of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, or obscene or lewd matter
- Hospitals
- Transportation stations, rest areas, and welcome centers operated by the North Carolina Department of Transportation
- Employment and job training centers operated by the North Carolina Department of Commerce

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section became effective June 28, 2017.

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