

The Baltimore City Department of  
**HOUSING & COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT**

## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner

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Date: November 21, 2018

Re: **City Council Bill 18-0296, Licensing and Regulation – National Human Trafficking  
Resource Center Hotline Information Sign Posting**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0296, for the purpose of requiring certain businesses to post a National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline information sign in designated areas; requiring certain reports; defining certain terms; and establishing certain penalties.

If enacted, this bill will require hotels and construction and demolition sites to post the aforementioned sign in designated areas. HCD will be responsible for enforcement in hotels and on construction and demolition sites. Hotels will be required to post the sign on the back of room doors. Construction and demolitions sites will be required to post the sign in clear view of employees.

In regard to hotels, HCD will add to the rental license inspection checklist that the sign be posted on the back of all room doors. Inspectors will check for the signs in accordance with existing criteria for the proportion of units that must be inspected in multi-family dwellings. For example, a hotel containing 76-100 units is required to have 17 units inspected, distributed among different buildings and floors within the property. Failing to post the sign in any inspected room will result in a failed inspection. Therefore, in order to be receive their license, hotels must comply with the posting requirements established in this bill.

In regard to construction and demolition sites, HCD will issue a copy of the sign, along with guidelines for posting it, to all recipients of construction or demolition permits. We will also be responsible for issuing citations to permit-holders who fail to post the signs.

HCD supports the passage of City Council Bill 18-0296.

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**cc: Mr. Kyron Banks, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations***