



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner *AK*

Date: October 7, 2020

Re: City Council Bill 19-0428 Human-Trafficking Notice Requirements – City-Owned and -Occupied Buildings

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0428 for the purpose of requiring city-owned and -occupied buildings to place a notice regarding the human-trafficking prevention hotline certain locations; and conforming and clarifying related provisions.

If enacted, City Council Bill 19-0428 would make changes to Article 15 - Licensing and Regulation, Subtitle 42 - Human-Trafficking Notice Requirements, of the Baltimore City Code. The Legislation would require that Human-Trafficking prevention notices be posted on city-owned and -occupied buildings.

DHCD recommends collaboration on the implementation of this legislation with Department of General Services (DGS). DGS has management responsibilities for most utilized, City-owned buildings and would be required to post the majority of the signs in publicly accessible restrooms, elevators and lobbies, of city-owned and -occupied buildings in compliance with the Bill. Additionally, DHCD suggests an amendment to exempt vacant buildings, by clarifying that this legislation only applies to City-owned Occupied Buildings and not all City-owned buildings.

DHCD supports the sponsors efforts to provide information to the general public to aid in the objectives of identifying, preventing and reporting potential human trafficking by providing signage in City owned and occupied buildings.

DHCD supports the amendment and passage of City Council Bill 19-0428.

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cc: Mr. Blendy, Nicholas, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*