



BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Public Safety and Government Operations

Bill 21-0038

Human-Trafficking Notice Requirements – Modifications

Sponsor: *Councilmember Kris Burnett*

Introduced: *February 8, 2021*

Purpose:

For the purpose of requiring city-owned or -occupied buildings to place a notice regarding the human-trafficking prevention hotline in certain locations; deleting an obsolete reference to the “Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation”; providing that certain businesses may obtain the required human-trafficking notices from the United States Department of Homeland Security’s Blue Campaign website; and conforming and clarifying related provisions.

Effective: This Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after enactment

Agency Reports

Department of Social Services	
Law Department	Favorable
Baltimore Development Corporation	Favorable
Police Department	Favorable
Health Department	Favorable
Mayor’s Office of Human Services	
Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement	Favorable
Department of Housing and Community Development	Favorable
Department of General Services	
Department of Finance	Finance

By repealing and re-ordinating, with amendments
Article 15 – Licensing and Regulation; Section(s) 42 – 1(g) and 42 – 2; Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

By adding
Article 15 – Licensing and Regulation; Section(s) 42 – 2.1; Baltimore City Code (Edition 2000)

Analysis

If enacted, Bill 21-0038 would require city-owned and occupied buildings to place human-trafficking prevention hotline signage on the premises of these locations in the following manner:

42 – 2.1. City-owned or –occupied buildings.

a) In general.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, in each City-owned or –occupied building, at least 1 sign described in Section 42 – 29(b) of this subtitle must be posted in each:

- 1) Location where the notice required by Subtitle 4 {“Wages and Hours”}, Part V {“Enforcement”} of the State Labor and Employment Article is posted;
- 2) Public restroom; and
- 3) Public entranceway or main lobby to the building or portion of the building occupied by the City.

b) Facilities occupied by the Baltimore City Public School System.

- 1) The Department of General Services, in consultation with the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, may develop alternate, age-appropriate human-trafficking notice signage for use in City-owned facilities occupied by the Baltimore City Public School System.
- 2) At a minimum, and alternate sign developed under this subsection shall meet the form requirements set forth in _ 42 – 2(b)(2) of this subtitle.

c) Exception.

This section does not apply to any City-owned building that is vacant.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: Not Available

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