



Legislation Text

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**Explanation:** Capitals indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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**Introductory\***

**City of Baltimore  
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Burnett

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

**Human-Trafficking Notice Requirements - Corrective**

For the purpose of correcting a typographical error in the City Code regarding the appropriate number to text message in order to report human-trafficking; and providing for a special effective date.

By repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

Article 15 - Licensing and Regulation  
Section 42-2(b)  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

**Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,** That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

**Baltimore City Code**

**Article 15. Licensing and Regulation**

**Subtitle 42. Human-Trafficking Notice Requirements**

**§ 42-2. Human trafficking prevention signs to be posted.**

(b) *In general.*

(1) The owner of any business described in subsection (a) of this section must post a sign that states the following:

“REPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

National Human Trafficking Resource Center

**Call 1-888-373-7888 or text “BeFree” [(233722)] (233733)**

CALL FOR HELP IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW:

- is being forced to have sex without consent
- has had an ID or documents taken away
- is being threatened by or is in debt to an employer
- wants to leave a job but cannot freely do so

TOLL-FREE ‡ 24/7 ‡ CONFIDENTIAL ‡ INTERPRETERS AVAILABLE

This sign is required by Baltimore City law”

(2) The sign must:

- (i) be at least 3 by 5 inches in size;
- (ii) contain the text required under paragraph (1) of this subsection in English and Spanish; and
- (iii) draw attention to the phone number of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline by showing the phone number in bold type.

(3) The owner of a business as provided in subsection (a) of this section may meet the requirements of this subsection by creating their own signs, using a font size of not less than 30 points for the hotline numbers and a font size of not less than 12 points for the body text, or using copies of the signs created and made available online by the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation under Maryland Business Regulation Article § 15-207 if the signs are altered to indicate that they are required by Baltimore City law rather than State law.

**Section 2. And be it further ordained,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

**Section 3. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.