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Unpacking Human Trafficking is a summary of the laws in the United States relating to the display of human trafficking awareness posters in lodging facilities, the requirement that employees be trained to recognize and handle suspected incidents of human trafficking, and if hotels are civilly and/or criminally liable. Studies have shown that a large percentage of human trafficking, particularly sex trafficking, occurs in hotels, motels, and other places of public lodging.

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The following is an update to Unpacking Human Trafficking Vols. 1 and 2, launched in May 2019 and January 2020, respectively, of the laws of the 50 states relating to the display of human trafficking awareness posters in lodging facilities, the training requirements for hospitality industry employees concerning the recognition and handling of suspected incidents of human trafficking, and the laws addressing the criminal and civil liability of lodging facilities for incidents of human trafficking that occur on their property.

This report, Unpacking Human Trafficking Vols 3, is an update and expansion of the two previous reports. It covers laws as of October 2020 and is more comprehensive than ever. We have expanded the criminal liability section to include laws that potentially subject hotels to criminal liability. These laws impose criminal liability on a person that (1) harbors human trafficking activities; (2) financially benefits from human trafficking activities; or (3) permits owned premise to be used for prostitution, including prostitution associated with human trafficking activities. The legal definition of a “person” can include corporation, business, company, enterprise, or partnership, so hotels are potentially exposed to liability under these provisions.

As an increasing number of jurisdictions have become engaged with this issue, we have seen more states, territories, counties, cities, and municipalities adopt ordinances related to these concerns. It is especially noteworthy that cities are increasingly assuming a leadership role on this issue, particularly where statewide legislation does not currently exist.

Posters that comply with the various laws as well as additional resources for hospitality brands, management companies, and properties are available on ECPAT-USA’s website at www.ecpatusa.org/hotel, as well as a free anti-trafficking training for hotel associates that was developed with the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) and Marriott International. For states that do not have a human trafficking awareness signage requirement, ECPAT-USA’s Standard Hotel Poster can be utilized. Additionally, we have noted the jurisdictions in which the local government has created posters, trainings, and other resources companies can utilize in their anti-trafficking work.

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## Chart of Laws Concerning Human Trafficking Awareness Signage in Lodging Facilities

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¹ This category refers to laws that limit the mandate to establishments that have been found to constitute a nuisance under the jurisdiction’s law due to prostitution or other illegal activity on the premises.
² This category refers to laws that mandate the exact language that appears on the posters.
³ The mandate is applicable to facilities that hold liquor licenses.
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4 Back-of-house information sheets in areas accessible to employees are mandatory, while posters in public areas are voluntary.
5 Information cards are mandatory, while posters are voluntary.
6 The mandate is applicable to lodging facilities that hold liquor licenses.
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¹In addition to the languages listed here, many laws require posters in more languages as determined by the Federal Voting Rights Act (AR., CA., MD., MO., PA.), Commissioner of Labor (AL.), the Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council (DE.), any other language predominately spoken in the area as determined by the Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation (FL.), Bureau of Investigations (GA.), Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (LA.), Attorney General or Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (MI.), Division of Justice and Community Services (WV.), and any language used by ten percent or more of the employees or facility users (NM.).

²Some jurisdictions have directed various agencies to design posters and make them available to businesses on their websites for use on a voluntary basis. Some go a step further and mandate that the businesses use the posters designed by the agencies. Those mandated uses are indicated here.

³In some jurisdictions, human trafficking awareness posters are only mandated if the establishment has been declared a “nuisance” as that term is defined under the applicable law.
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⁴ Posters available in English and Spanish
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Signage, Training, Civil and Criminal Liability Laws Explained By State And Jurisdiction

ALABAMA

Signage Law
Alabama requires any hotel cited as a nuisance to post a human trafficking awareness poster that meets the following requirements:
(a) The poster must be at least 8½ x 11 inches in size;²
(b) The poster should be posted in a location(s) where it is clearly visible to the public, including the entrance of the hotel and any location where posters and notices are customarily posted;³
(c) Hotels subject to this provision must print the posters from the website of The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, The Public Service Commission, or the Department of Labor or ask that the poster created by one of those agencies be mailed for the cost of printing and first class postage;⁴
(d) The posters must be printed in English, Spanish and any other languages deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of Labor;
(e) The poster must state the following:⁵
   If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave – whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other activity – call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services.

(1) Victims of human trafficking are protected under U.S. law.
(2) The Toll-free Hotline is:
   a. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
   b. Operated by a nonprofit, non-governmental organization.
   c. Anonymous and confidential.
   d. Accessible in 170 languages.
   e. Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information.

Hotels that fail to post a sign in accordance with these specifications are subject to a warning on the first violation and a fine not to exceed $50 for each subsequent violation.⁶

Training Law
Alabama does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.

Criminal Liability Law
Certain aspects of Alabama criminal laws prohibiting human trafficking may apply to hotels, as a “person” (including a corporation).⁷ Hotels could potentially be found guilty of human trafficking in the first degree for knowingly harboring, holding, or maintaining any minor for the purpose of causing the minor to engage in sexual servitude.⁸
ALABAMA, continued

Further, Alabama criminalizes human trafficking in the second degree conduct including: (i) knowingly benefitting financially from participating in a venture or engagement for the purpose of sexual servitude or labor servitude and (ii) knowingly harboring, holding, or maintaining another person for the purpose of labor servitude or sexual servitude. A corporation may be prosecuted for a human trafficking offense if (1) an agent of the corporation or entity performs the conduct which is an element of the crime while acting within the scope of their employment and on behalf of the corporation or entity, and (2) the commission of the crime was either authorized, requested, commanded, performed, or within the scope of the person’s employment on behalf of the corporation or entity or constituted a pattern of conduct that an agent of the corporation or entity knew or should have known was occurring.9

The penalties for human trafficking include a fine of up to $60,000 (for human trafficking in the first degree), a fine of up to $30,000 (for human trafficking in the second degree), or any amount not exceeding double the pecuniary gain to the defendant or loss to the victim caused by the commission of the offense (in respect of either crime).10 Any profits or proceeds and any interest in property acquired or maintained as a result of committing human trafficking shall be forfeited to the State of Alabama for the purpose of paying restitution to trafficking victims.11

Civil Liability Law
Under state law, the Alabama Attorney General is permitted to bring an action in the name of the state seeking a temporary restraining order or injunction against any person or corporation that they have reason to believe has engaged or is about to engage in human trafficking.12 Further, the Attorney General may bring a civil action to recover actual damages for victims of acts or practices performed in violation of the state human trafficking law.13

Alabama law also allows a victim of human trafficking to bring a civil action in state court.14 The Alabama Supreme Court has suggested that a hotel could be liable in a civil context if the plaintiffs presented substantial evidence that the agent of a hotel could foresee that criminal human trafficking acts would occur in their hotel.15
**ALASKA**

**Signage Law**
Alaska does not currently have a statewide law requiring human trafficking awareness posters in hotels.

**Training Law**
Alaska does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.

**Criminal Liability**
Certain aspects of Alaska’s laws criminalizing human trafficking may apply to hotels. For example, a “person”\(^\text{16}\) (which includes a business) commits the crime of human trafficking in the second degree if the person obtains a benefit from the commission of human trafficking, with reckless disregard that the benefit is a result of the trafficking.\(^\text{17}\) Human trafficking in the second degree is punishable by a fine not exceeding $100,000.\(^\text{18}\)

A person commits the crime of sex trafficking in the third degree if the person receives compensation for prostitution services rendered by another; and with the intent to promote prostitution, manages, supervises, controls, or owns, either alone or in association with others, a place of prostitution or engages in conduct that institutes, aids, or facilitates a prostitution enterprise.\(^\text{19}\)

Proposed legislation would create a new crime, human trafficking in the third degree, which would prohibit providing “services, resources, or other assistance,” which includes providing “business services” or “lodging” in furtherance of human trafficking in the first or second degree.\(^\text{20}\)

**Civil Liability**
Alaska does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Signage Law
The City of Anchorage requires hotels and motels to display human trafficking awareness posters that meet the following requirements:
1. The posters must be at least 8½ x 11 inches in size;
2. The poster should be posted in a clearly visible location to employees;
3. The poster should be printed in the five most commonly spoken languages of the municipality.
4. The poster must state substantially the following:
   If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in an activity and cannot leave — whether it is prostitution, housework, restaurant work, janitorial work, factory work, retail work, or any other activity— call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text INFO or HELP to 233-733 to access help and services. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, toll-free, anonymous and confidential, and accessible in 170 languages. You may also call the Anchorage Police Department at 786-8900 or the local FBI office at 276-4441 for assistance. Victims of slavery and human trafficking are protected under United States and Alaska law. Posted pursuant to AO 2016-115(S).

Lodging establishments will be fined $100 for each week that they fail to display the required sign.
ARIZONA

Signage Law
Arizona does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

Training Law
Arizona does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities about human trafficking. However, the existence of a voluntary training program for hotel employees can act as a mitigating factor in the event of a conviction for human trafficking at a lodging facility (see Criminal Liability below).

The Arizona Attorney General’s office, in conjunction with the Arizona Anti-Trafficking Network, has launched a voluntary and free training program for hospitality staff at hotels on how to identify, report, and prevent sex trafficking. Hotels can access the free online training or request in-person training at www.safeactionproject.org.

Criminal Liability
It is a crime for a “person” (which includes an “enterprise”\(^\text{23}\)) to engage in human trafficking, which includes knowingly harboring a person with the knowledge that (i) they will be subject to forced labor services; (ii) they will engage in prostitution or sexually explicit performance by deception, coercion or force; or (iii) the enterprise will benefit financially from a human trafficking offense.\(^\text{24}\) Each of these instances of human trafficking is classified as a felony and enterprises face a maximum fine of $1,000,000 for such felony offenses.\(^\text{25}\)

For dangerous and repeat enterprise offenders, the court may impose a fine of up to $5,000,000.\(^\text{26}\) However, the fine can be reduced by 25% if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the enterprise had in effect, at the time of the offense, an “effective program to prevent and detect violations of law.”\(^\text{27}\) The law defines the minimum qualification of an “effective program” as including (i) established compliance standards and procedures to be followed by employees and agents that are reasonably capable of reducing the chances of violations of law; (ii) the assignment of a high-level personnel to oversee compliance; (iii) the use of due care to not delegate authority to individuals whom the enterprise knows, or should know, have a propensity to engage in illegal activities; (iv) steps are taken to communicate the standards and procedures to employees and agents, including requiring participation in training programs; (v) reasonable steps are taken to achieve compliance with the standards, including systems designed to detect violations of law; (vi) consistent enforcement of the standards through the use of reasonable disciplinary mechanisms; and (vii) after a violation is detected, reasonable responsive steps are taken to prevent further violations. The statute also lists several circumstances under which an enterprise would not be entitled to the 25% reduction of the fine, including the involvement of management in the violation, delay in reporting the offense, and obstruction of the investigation.\(^\text{28}\)

Civil Liability
Arizona does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Signage and Training Ordinance
Phoenix does not have an ordinance requiring the posting of human trafficking notices. However, the Phoenix Human Trafficking Task Force has created a free notice available for voluntary posting and free training resources.\textsuperscript{29} Arizona Attorney General’s Office and Homeland Security Investigations–Phoenix have also partnered with the SAFE Action Project, a program that provides free training to the travel, hospitality, and tourism industry.\textsuperscript{30}

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Training Ordinance
Tucson does not currently have an ordinance addressing the issue of training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the Southern Arizona Anti-Trafficking Unified Response Network has free and voluntary training resources available on its website.\textsuperscript{31}
ARKANSAS

Signage Law
Arkansas requires that any hotel, motel, or other establishment cited as a public nuisance must post signage that meets the following requirements:
1. The posters must be at least 8½ x 11 inches.
2. The posters must be displayed in a conspicuous location near the entrance of the establishment or where notices and posters are customarily posted.
3. The posters must be printed in English, Spanish, and any other language mandated by the federal Voting Rights Act.
4. The poster must state the following:
   If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave – whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other activity – call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services.
Victims of human trafficking are protected under United States and Arkansas state law.

The Hotline is:
- Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Toll-free
- Operated by a non-profit, non-governmental organization
- Anonymous and confidential
- Accessible in 170 languages
- Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information.

Business owners may print copies of the poster from the websites of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the Department of Labor and Licensing, or the Department of Transportation. Alternatively, business owners may request copies of the poster by mail from one of the aforementioned agencies but will be responsible for the cost of printing and first-class postage.

If the regulatory agency finds that a hotel or motel has failed to post the required information the owner or operator will initially receive a warning, but any additional violation will result in a fine not exceeding $500 (which does not apply to establishments owned or operated by the State of Arkansas).
Training Law
Arkansas does not require that lodging facilities provide their employees with training related to human trafficking.

Criminal Law
It is a crime for a “person,” (including an “organization”)³⁹ to engage in the trafficking of persons.³⁹ A person or organization engages in human trafficking by knowingly (i) harboring or maintaining a person knowing that the person will be subjected to involuntary servitude; (ii) harboring or maintaining a minor for commercial sexual activity, or (iii) benefitting financially from any such ventures.⁴⁰ In Arkansas, the trafficking of an adult is a Class A felony, for which the maximum fine is $15,000.⁴¹ The trafficking of an individual who is a minor at the time of the offense is a Class Y felony, for which the maximum fine is unspecified.⁴² In addition to a fine, a convicted organization may be subject to any combination of the following: (1) a suspension or revocation of a license or permit; (2) a court order to dissolve or reorganize; (3) other relief as is equitable.⁴³

Civil Law
Arkansas does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.
CALIFORNIA

Signage Law
California requires all hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast inns to post notices concerning slavery and human trafficking that meets the following requirements:
1. The notices must be at least 8½ x 11 inches.
2. The notice should be printed in no smaller than 16 point font.
3. The notice should be printed in English, Spanish, and one additional language that is widely spoken in the county where the lodging establishment is located and for which translation is required by the federal Voting Rights Act.
4. The notice must be displayed in a conspicuous manner near the entrance or other location where they are in clear view to the public and employees.
5. The notice must state as follows:
   If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave – whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, construction, factory, retail, or restaurant work, or any activity – text 233-733 (Be Free) or call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or the California Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) at 1-888-KEY-2-Fre(EDOM) or 1-888-539-2373 to access help and services.

Victims of slavery and human trafficking are protected under United States and California law.

The hotlines are:
- Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Toll-free.
- Operated by nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations.
- Anonymous and confidential.
- Accessible in more than 160 languages.
- Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information.

Failure to comply with this law can result in a civil penalty of $500 for the first violation and $1,000 for each subsequent violation.

Training Law
On or before January 1, 2021, California hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast inns are required to provide at least 20 minutes of human trafficking awareness training to new and existing employees who may interact or come into contact with victims of human trafficking or may receive a report from another employee about suspected human trafficking.

The law specifies that the training must include:
(i) the definition of human trafficking, including sex trafficking and labor trafficking, (ii) myths and misconception about human trafficking; (iii) physical and mental signs to be aware of that may indicate that human trafficking is occurring, (iv) guidance on how to identify individuals who are most at risk for human trafficking, (v) guidance on
how to report human trafficking, including, but not limited to, national hotlines (1-888-373-7888 and text line 233733) and contact information for local law enforcement agencies that an employee may use to make a confidential report and (vi) protocols for reporting human trafficking when on the job. An employee’s failure to report an incident of human trafficking is not, by itself, a basis for a finding of liability.\textsuperscript{50}

**Criminal Liability**
Under the California Penal Code, real property “used to facilitate” a human trafficking offense may be designated as a nuisance, which shall be enjoined, abated, and prevented, and in respect of which damages may be imposed.\textsuperscript{51} If real property is “put to substantial use for the purpose of facilitating the crime of human trafficking that involves a commercial sex act where the victim was less than 18 years of age”, the property may be seized and ordered to be forfeited.\textsuperscript{52}

**Civil Liability**
California does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.
LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA

Criminal Liability
The Lancaster Municipal Code provides that “every owner, operator, manager and/or employee shall be responsible for preventing the use of the motel for human trafficking” and must notify the designated authorities\textsuperscript{53} if they suspect human trafficking.\textsuperscript{54} The Lancaster local ordinance: (i) provides that it may be an unlawful public nuisance to directly or indirectly maintain or permit the use of a motel for human trafficking or sex trafficking;\textsuperscript{55} (ii) prohibits renting a room on an hourly basis or more than once within a calendar day;\textsuperscript{56} (iii) and imposes strict registration requirements for the purpose of verifying the identity of motel guests.\textsuperscript{57} Violation of the relevant Lancaster ordinances constitutes a misdemeanor, in respect of which a maximum fine of $1,000 may be imposed, and a motel at which the city council finds an unlawful public nuisance connected with human trafficking has occurred may be designated a “nuisance motel” and be subject to abatement.\textsuperscript{58}

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Training Law
Los Angeles does not currently have an ordinance addressing the issue of training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking, however. However, the hotel association of Los Angeles offers free human trafficking training to its members.\textsuperscript{61}

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Signage Law
San Diego does not currently have an ordinance concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities. However, the San Diego City Human Relations Commission initiated a countywide effort to implement section 52.6 of the California Civil Code, which requires the posting of certain information about human trafficking and the human trafficking hotline at required establishments.\textsuperscript{62}

Training Law
San Diego does not currently have an ordinance addressing the issue of training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, training staff on the content and requirements of the human trafficking awareness posting is highly recommended.\textsuperscript{63}

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Signage Law
Long Beach requires that a motel deemed a nuisance\textsuperscript{59} must place human trafficking awareness postings in order to retain its business license.\textsuperscript{60} The law does not require any specifications for the postings.
COLORADO

Signage Law
Colorado does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

Training Law
Colorado does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities about human trafficking. Colorado does, however, have a statutorily proscribed human trafficking council, which is tasked with the development of, among other things, training standards and curricula for individuals who work in places where human trafficking victims are likely to appear. Absent further action, the statute providing for the council is scheduled to be repealed on September 1, 2024. Prior to repeal, the Department of Regulatory Agencies will review the council.

Criminal Liability
It is a crime for a “person,” including a corporation, to engage in the trafficking of persons. These acts include but are not limited to: knowingly harboring, transferring, or isolating another person for the purpose of coercing the person to engage in a commercial sex act. Human trafficking is generally a Class 3 felony, the penalty for which is $3,000 – $750,000, or a Class 2 felony if the victim is a minor, for which the penalty is $5,000 – $1,000,000.

Civil Liability
A victim of human trafficking can recover damages proximately caused by any person who commits human trafficking as defined in the above criminal liability provisions. A criminal conviction is not a condition precedent to maintaining a civil action.
CONNECTICUT

Signage Law
Connecticut requires an operator of a hotel, motel, inn, or similar lodging to post a notice concerning services available to victims of human trafficking in accordance with the following:

1. The notice should indicate that any person who is forced to engage in any activity and who cannot leave may contact a state or federal anti-trafficking hotline, and must include the toll-free telephone numbers for such hotlines.
2. The notice should be posted in plain view.
3. The law does not specify the exact text or size requirements for the posters.
4. The Office of the Chief Court Administrator shall develop this notice and distribute it to persons who are required to post such notices.

The penalty for any operator that fails to comply with this law is a fine of $100 for a first violation and $250 for any subsequent violation.

Training Law
Connecticut law provides “[t]he operator of each hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging shall ensure that each employee... receive training at the time of hire on the (1) recognition of potential victims of human trafficking, and (2) activities commonly associated with human trafficking.” The statute tasks the Commissioner of Children and Families and the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection with recommending a human trafficking training program in conjunction with the state and national hotel and lodging associations.

Lodging establishment operators must also conduct ongoing awareness campaigns for employees on the activities commonly associated with human trafficking. Operators of lodging facilities were required to certify by October 17, 2017, and annually thereafter that every employee has received the required training and to keep such records in the employee’s personnel file.

Criminal Liability Law
Connecticut law classifies “sex trafficking” as the “recruitment, harboring, transportation or provision of a person for the purpose of engaging in sexual conduct with another person for a fee." Sex trafficking is a Class A felony, which carries a maximum fine of $20,000.

Civil Liability Law
Any person aggrieved by the above criminal actions may bring a civil action against the person or persons who committed such violation to recover actual damages, statutory damages of not more than one thousand dollars for each day such person was coerced by another person and a reasonable attorney’s fee.
DELAWARE

**Signage Law**
Delaware requires certain locations designated by the Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council to display a public-awareness sign in accordance with the following:
1. The Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council is required to create a sign that contains both the state and National Human Trafficking Resource Centers' hotline information.
2. Be displayed in a place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to employees.

The penalty for an employer who knowingly fails to comply with this law is $300 per violation.

**Training Law**
Delaware does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.

**Criminal Liability**
An organization is criminally liable for sex trafficking if the organization knowingly harbored or enticed forced labor or sexual servitude, and (1) the board of directors or a high managerial agent acting within his or her scope of employment engaged in, authorized, solicited, requested, commanded, or recklessly tolerated that conduct, or (2) an agent of the organization engaged in that conduct while acting within the scope of his or her employment. Forced labor or human trafficking are both Class C felonies unless the victim is a minor, in which case both are Class B felonies.

In addition to the penalties otherwise associated with violations of the Human Trafficking Statute, a court may consider the severity of an organization's violation of the Human Trafficking Statute and order any of the following: (a) a fine of not more than $25,000 per offense; (b) disgorgement of profit from illegal activity in violation of this section; and (c) debarment from state and local government contracts.

**Civil Liability**
Delaware permits human trafficking victims to bring civil actions against individuals that violate the criminal sex trafficking law detailed above. An organization can be held liable for a violation of the statute if (a) the conduct constituting a violation of the statute is engaged in, authorized, solicited, requested, commanded, or recklessly tolerated by the board of directors or by a high managerial agent acting within the scope of his or her employment and in behalf of the organization; or (b) the conduct constituting a violation of the statute is engaged in by an agent of the organization while acting within the scope of employment and in behalf of the organization.

In a civil suit, a victim may make a claim for compensatory damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief, or any other appropriate relief. A victim may also recover reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs, including reasonable fees for expert witnesses. The victim must commence the civil action no later than five (5) years after the later of the date on which the victim: (a) was freed from the human trafficking situation; or (b) attained 18 years of age.
FLORIDA

Signage Law
Florida requires public lodging establishments to post a human trafficking public awareness sign that meets the following requirements:
(a) The sign must be at least 11 x 15 inches in size;
(b) The sign must be printed in an easily legible font, in at least 32-point type;
(c) The sign should be posted in a conspicuous location that is accessible to employees;
(d) The sign must be in English and Spanish and any other language predominantly spoken in the area which the Department of Business and Professional Regulation deems appropriate;
(e) The sign must state the following:
“If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in an activity and cannot leave, whether it is prostitution, housework, farm work, factory work, retail work, restaurant work, or any other activity, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 888-373-7888 or text INFO or HELP to 233-733 to access help and services. Victims of slavery and human trafficking are protected under United States and Florida law.”95

Public lodging establishments must comply with the above-stated signage requirements by January 1, 2021.96 Failure to comply will result in a fine of $2,000 per day unless the lodging establishment provides adequate written documentation demonstrating that each deficiency will be corrected within ninety days of receiving a notice of violation.97

Training Law
Florida requires public lodging establishments to provide annual training regarding human trafficking awareness to employees (a) who perform housekeeping duties in rental units or (b) who work at a front desk or reception area where guests ordinarily check-in or check out.98

New employees must receive this training within 60 days of their first day in that role.99 Each employee must submit a signed and dated acknowledgment of having received the training, which may be kept electronically, but must be provided to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation upon request.100 Additionally, by January 1, 2021, each public lodging establishment must implement a procedure for the reporting of suspected human trafficking to the National Human Trafficking Hotline or to a local law enforcement agency.101

The required human trafficking awareness training must be submitted to and approved by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and must include all of the following:
(a) The definition of human trafficking and the difference between sex trafficking and labor trafficking;
(b) Guidance specific to the public lodging sector concerning how to identify individuals who may be victims of human trafficking;
(c) Guidance concerning the role of the employees of a public lodging establishment in reporting and responding to suspected human trafficking.102
Failure to comply will result in a fine of $2,000 per day unless the lodging establishment adequately documents that each deficiency was corrected within ninety days of receiving a notice of violation.103

Criminal Liability
Florida defines “human trafficking” as “transporting, soliciting, recruiting, harboring, providing, enticing, maintaining, or obtaining another person for the purpose of exploitation of that person.”104 Further, corporations can be criminally liable for knowingly or in reckless disregard of the facts “benefitting financially by receiving anything of value from participation in a venture that has subjected a person to human trafficking.”105

In Florida, the trafficking or forced labor of an adult or a minor is a felony in the first degree.106 The maximum fine for such an offense is $10,000.107 Additionally, any property used in violation of a human trafficking offense may be seized and forfeited.108

Civil Liability
Any person who has been injured due to sex trafficking or human trafficking shall have a cause of action for threefold the amount gained from the sex trafficking or human trafficking and in any such action is entitled to minimum damages in the amount of $200 and reasonable attorney’s fees and court costs in the trial and appellate courts.109
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Signage Ordinance
Jacksonville requires public lodging establishments to place human trafficking awareness signs that meet the following requirements:

(a) The sign should be placed in a conspicuous location that is clearly visible to the public and employees of the establishment. \(^{110}\)

(b) The signs must be placed on the inside of the main access door of all guest rooms and public restrooms. \(^{111}\)

(c) The signs in guest rooms and public restrooms must be at least 3 x 7 inches, be printed in 12-point font, and must substantially state the following in English and Spanish: \(^{112}\)

“If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in an activity and cannot leave—whether it is prostitution or sex work, housework, farm work, factory work, retail work, restaurant work, or any other activity—call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888 or text INFO or HELP to 233-733 to access help and services. Victims of slavery and human trafficking are protected under United States and Florida law. This notice is posted pursuant to Section 250.125, Jacksonville Ordinance Code.”

Training Ordinance
Jacksonville’s human trafficking ordinance requires all public lodging establishments to train all employees on spotting, reporting, and preventing human trafficking. \(^{113}\) The manager or owner must certify to the Director of the Neighborhoods Department on a quarterly basis the names of all employees who have received the required training and identify the name of the program used for the training. The acceptable training literature and programs include those developed and presented by the American Hotel & Lodging Association, the Polaris Project, ECPAT-USA, Business Ending Slavery & Trafficking, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Other programs not listed may be approved by the Director of the Neighborhoods Department. \(^{114}\)

Violations of this ordinance are considered a Class C offense, with each day and each separate violation of the requirement constituting a separate and enforceable violation. \(^{115}\)
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Signage Ordinance
Miami Beach requires public lodging establishments to post human trafficking notices that meet the following requirements:
(a) The notices should be posted in a place where they are clearly visible to the employees.
(b) The notices must be printed in English and Spanish.
(c) The notices must state the following:
   “If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in an activity and cannot leave - whether it is prostitution, housework, farm work, factory work, retail work, restaurant work or any other activity - call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888 or text INFO or HELP to 233-733 to access help and services. Victims of slavery and human trafficking are protected under United States and Florida Law.”

A violation of this ordinance is punishable by a maximum fine of $500, and a continued violation shall be considered a separate offense for each day.

MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

Signage Ordinance
Miami Lakes law requires public lodging establishments to post human trafficking notices that meet the following requirements:
(a) The notice should be posted in a place where they are clearly visible to their employees;
(b) The notice must be printed in English and Spanish;
(c) The notice should state the following:
   “If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in an activity and cannot leave - whether it is prostitution, housework, farm work, factory work, retail work, restaurant work or any other activity - call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888 or text INFO or HELP to 233-733 to access help and services. Victims of slavery and human trafficking are protected under United States and Florida Law.”

A violation of this ordinance is punishable by a maximum fine of $500, and a continued violation shall be considered a separate offense for each day.
GEORGIA

**Signage Law**

Georgia mandates that hotels, inns, and other establishments that offer overnight accommodations to the public post a notice that meets the following requirements:

(a) The notice should provide information on how to contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline and the Statewide Georgia Hotline for Domestic Minor Trafficking.\(^{124}\)

(b) Notices must be displayed in every public restroom and near the public entrance or in another location in clear view of the public and employees where notices are customarily posted.\(^{125}\)

(c) The notices must be in English, Spanish and any other language deemed appropriate by the Georgia Bureau of Investigations.

(d) The notices must also be at least 8½ x 11 inches and printed in not less than 16-point font.\(^{126}\)

(e) Georgia law requires the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to develop a model notice available for download from its website.\(^{127}\)

In line with this requirement, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation has developed a model notice that reads as follows:\(^{128}\)

Are you or someone you know being sold for sex or made/forced to work for little or no pay and cannot leave? Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888 or the Statewide Georgia Hotline for Domestic Minor Trafficking at 1-844-842-3678 for help. All victims of slavery and human trafficking have rights and are protected by international, federal, and state law.

The hotline is:

1. Anonymous and confidential;
2. Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week;
3. Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information;
4. Accessible in 170 languages;
5. Operated by a nonprofit, non-governmental organization; and
6. Toll free.

Failure to comply with this statute, following a 30-day period after receipt of a notice to correct a violation, constitutes a misdemeanor and can result in a fine of up to $500. Upon a second or subsequent conviction, the offense is elevated to an aggravated misdemeanor subjecting the lodging owner to a fine of up to $5,000.\(^{129}\)

**Training Law**

Georgia does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the Georgians for Refuge, Action, Compassion, and Education Commission offers free and voluntary training materials for employees in Georgia and the general public.\(^{130}\)
GEORGIA, continued

Criminal Liability
Georgia proscribes, in part, recruiting, enticing, harboring, transporting, providing, soliciting, patronizing, or obtaining an individual for the purpose of sexual servitude.\(^{131}\) A “person,” which includes a corporation,\(^ {132}\) can also be held criminally liable for benefiting financially or “receiving anything of value from the sexual servitude of another.”\(^{133}\)

A corporation can be held liable for human trafficking only if (A) “an agent of the corporation performs the conduct which is an element of the crime while acting within the scope of his or her office or employment and on behalf of the corporation” and (B) the commission of the crime was either (1) “authorized, requested, commanded, performed, or within the scope of his or her employment on behalf of the corporation” or (2) “constituted a pattern of illegal activity that an agent of the company knew or should have known was occurring.”\(^ {134}\)

Any person or corporation who commits the offense of human trafficking may be fined up to $100,000 and imprisoned for 10 to 20 years unless the victim is under the age of 18, in which case the offender may be imprisoned for 25 to 50 years or life.\(^ {135}\)

Civil Liability
Georgia does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.
FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA  
(CONTAINS ATLANTA)

Signage Ordinance
Fulton County requires hotels to post a notice that meets the following requirements:
(a) The sign should be posted in English, Spanish, and any other language deemed appropriate by the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation;
(b) The sign should be posted in each public restroom and either a conspicuous place near the public entrance of the business or establishment or in another conspicuous location in clear view of the public and employees where similar notices are customarily posted; \(^\text{136}\)
(c) The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is required to develop a model notice that is available for download from its website. \(^\text{137}\)

A violation of this ordinance is punishable by a fine not more than $500. Upon a second or subsequent conviction, the owner shall be guilty of a high and aggravated misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $5,000.00. \(^\text{138}\)

HAPEVILLE, GEORGIA

Signage Ordinance
Hapeville requires hotels to post a notice that meets the following requirements:
(a) The sign should be posted in English, Spanish, and any other language deemed appropriate by the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation;
(b) The sign should be posted in each public restroom and either a conspicuous place near the public entrance of the business or establishment or in another conspicuous location in clear view of the public and employees where similar notices are customarily posted;
(c) The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is required to develop a model notice that is available for download from its website. \(^\text{137}\)

A violation of this ordinance is punishable by a fine not more than $500. Upon a second or subsequent conviction, the owner shall be guilty of a high and aggravated misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $5,000.00. \(^\text{139}\)
HAWAII

Signage Law
Hawaii requires employers that hold a liquor license or a cabaret license to keep a poster that meets the following requirements:
(a) The sign must be posted in English in a place readily accessible to employees;
(b) The poster should be at least 8½ x 11 inches;
(c) The poster should state the following: If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave – whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other similar activity – call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services. Victims of human trafficking are protected under United States and Hawaii law.

The hotline is:
(1) Available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week;
(2) Toll-free;
(3) Operated by a nonprofit, non-governmental organization;
(4) Anonymous and confidential;
(5) Accessible in one hundred seventy languages; and
(6) Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information.

Any employer who willfully and knowingly fails, neglects, or refuses to post shall be fined not more than $100 for each day of the violation.

In addition, legislation proposed in 2019 would require a hotel or lodging facility to post the poster described above.

Training Law
Hawaii does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.

However, a proposed bill that is currently pending in the state legislature would require operators of transient accommodations to provide their employees with human trafficking awareness training. The proposed bill specifies the topics to be included in such trainings, such as guidance on identifying human trafficking and reporting protocols.

Criminal Liability
Hawaii’s human trafficking law prohibits advancing or profiting from the prostitution of a minor. “Advancing” prostitution includes permitting “premises to be regularly used for prostitution purposes.” Sex trafficking is a class A felony. Corporations can be held liable for the offense and a fine of up to $50,000.

Civil Liability
Hawaii does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.
IDAHO

Signage Law
Idaho does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

Training Law
Idaho does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.

Criminal Liability
Idaho criminal law defines felony “human trafficking” as “[t]he recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services.” A corporation can be held liable for a violation of the statute and can be penalized up to $50,000.

Civil Liability
Idaho does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.
ILLINOIS

Signage Law
Illinois requires hotels and motels to post a human trafficking notice that meets the following requirements:
(a) The notice should be posted in a conspicuous and accessible location on the premises that is in clear view of employees;  
(b) The notice must be at least 8 ½ x 11 inches in size, written in 16-point font;
(c) The notice should be printed in English, Spanish, and one other language that is most widely spoken in the county (if not English or Spanish);  
(d) The notice must state the following:
   If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave, whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, construction, factory, retail, or restaurant work, or any other activity, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services.

Victims of slavery and human trafficking are protected under United States and Illinois law.

The hotline is:
• Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
• Toll-free.
• Operated by nonprofit non-governmental organizations.
• Anonymous and confidential.
• Accessible in more than 160 languages.
• Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information.

Model notices in different languages are available on Illinois’s Department of Human Services webpage, as required by the Act.

Establishments that fail to post a notice in compliance with the Human Trafficking Resource Center Notice Act may be found guilty of a petty offense and subject to a fine of up to $500.

Training Law
Illinois’s Lodging Services Human Trafficking Recognition Training Act requires that lodging establishments provide their employees with training in the recognition of human trafficking and protocols for reporting observed human trafficking to the appropriate authority. The employees of lodging establishments must complete the training within six months after beginning employment and every two years thereafter if still employed there. Further, the training must be at least twenty minutes in duration.

A lodging establishment may use its own human trafficking program or that of a third party if the program includes: (a) a definition of human trafficking and commercial exploitation of children; (b) guidance on how to identify individuals who are most at risk for human trafficking; (c) the difference between human trafficking for purposes of labor and for purposes of sex as the trafficking relates to lodging establishments; and (d) guidance on the role of lodging establishment employees in reporting and responding to human trafficking.
ILLINOIS continued

In addition, the Department of Human Services has developed a curriculum for an approved human trafficking training recognition program in compliance with the Act. This program may be used by lodging establishments that do not administer their own program as described above.

Criminal Liability
Illinois law criminalizes advancing or profiting from prostitution or trafficking as a Class 4 felony or if committed within 1,000 feet of real property comprising a school, a Class 3 felony. Advancing prostitution includes keeping a place that could offer seclusion or shelter for the practice of prostitution and permitting the continued use of the place after becoming aware of facts from which he or she should reasonably know that the place is being used for purposes of prostitution.

Civil Liability
Illinois’s Trafficking Victims Protection Act allows victims of human trafficking against any person or entity who profits from the victim in any sex trade act. However, the Act notes if a person or entity provides goods and services to the general public, they shall not liable if they also provide those goods or services to persons who are liable under the criminal liability section, absent a showing that the person or entity either: (1) knowingly markets or provides its goods or services primarily to persons or entities liable; (2) knowingly receives a higher level of compensation from persons or entities liable than it generally receives from customers; or (3) supervises or exercises control over persons or entities liable.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Signage and Training Resources
The Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force offers both voluntary signs and training materials available for free for businesses.

Training for businesses to identify child trafficking is also offered by the Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center.

INDIANA

Signage Law
Indiana does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

Training Law
Indiana does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.

Criminal Liability
Indiana does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.

Civil Liability
Indiana does not currently have a law concerning the criminal liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.
IOWA

**Signage Law**
Iowa does not currently have a law mandating human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

**Training Law**
Iowa does not have a law that mandates training of lodging facility employees. However, the Iowa Department of Justice is statutorily mandated to create a human trafficking awareness training program that is available, on a voluntary basis, to businesses “that have a high statistical incidence of debt bondage or forced labor or services.”¹⁶⁸ Lodging facilities fit within this category. The programs shall train participants to recognize and report incidents of human trafficking and to suppress the demand that fosters exploitation of persons and leads to human trafficking.

Beginning January 1, 2022, a lodging provider may voluntarily complete and certify that each of the lodging provider’s employees has completed human trafficking prevention training and shall maintain training records for each employee.¹⁶⁹ The human trafficking prevention training shall focus on the accurate and prompt identification and reporting of, or response to, suspected human trafficking and the training’s content must be approved by the commissioner of the department of public safety.¹⁷⁰

No later than December 31, 2021, the commissioner shall develop and maintain procedures to certify a lodging provider’s voluntary completion of human trafficking prevention training.¹⁷¹ The bill also prohibits the use of public funds to procure lodging, facilities, or services from non-certified lodging providers.¹⁷²

**Criminal Liability**
A “person,” including a corporation,¹⁷³ can be held criminally liable for participating in a venture to recruit, harbor, transport, or supply provisions for the purpose of sex trafficking.¹⁷⁴ A person who knowingly engages in human trafficking in Iowa is guilty of a class “D” felony, except that if the victim is under the age of eighteen, the person is guilty of a class “C” felony.¹⁷⁵ Further, a corporation can be prosecuted for benefiting financially or by receiving anything of value from knowing participation in human trafficking.¹⁷⁶

Class “D” felonies are punishable by confinement for no more than five years and a fine of at least $750 but not more than $7,500.¹⁷⁷ Class “C” felonies are punishable by confinement for no more than 10 years and a fine of at least $1,000 but not more than $10,000.¹⁷⁸

**Civil Liability**
Iowa does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.
KANSAS

Signage Law
Kansas does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities. It does, however, have statutorily mandated human trafficking awareness notices, created by the Secretary of Labor, that are available for display on a voluntary basis.\textsuperscript{179}

Training Law
Kansas does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities about human trafficking. It has, however, a statutorily mandated plan to educate employers about human trafficking created by the Secretary of Labor.\textsuperscript{180}

Criminal Liability
Under Kansas law, a corporate entity,\textsuperscript{181} such as a lodging facility, could be guilty of human trafficking if such entity intentionally benefitted financially or received anything of value from participation in a venture that the entity had reason to know involved human trafficking.\textsuperscript{182} Such an entity could be guilty of aggravated human trafficking if it was harboring a child knowing that the child, with or without force, fraud, threat, or coercion, will be used to engage in sexual gratification of someone involving the exchange of anything of value.\textsuperscript{183} Penalties include a fine of $2,500 to $5,000 for human trafficking and at least $5,000 for aggravated human trafficking.\textsuperscript{184}

Additionally, under Kansas law it is illegal to knowingly establish, own, maintain, manage or otherwise participate in the establishment of any property where sexual relations are being sold or offered for sale by a person younger than 18 years of age.\textsuperscript{185}

Civil Liability
A victim of human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation of a child may bring a civil action in an appropriate state court against the person or persons who engaged in such conduct if the victim suffered personal or psychological injury as a result of violations of the criminal liability provision. Such victims may seek actual damages, exemplary or punitive damages, injunctive relief, and any other appropriate relief.\textsuperscript{186}
KENTUCKY

Signage Law
Kentucky does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

Training Law
Kentucky does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the Kentucky Attorney General’s office offers training to organizations throughout the state. Most recently, the office launched the state’s first coordinated effort to encourage Kentucky hotel owners to sign a pledge to have their frontline staff complete an online human trafficking training.187

Criminal Liability
A “person”, including a corporation,188 can be prosecuted for "promoting human trafficking" if they benefit financially or receive anything of value from knowing participation in human trafficking or harbor another person knowing that the person will be subject to human trafficking.189 Under Kentucky state law, a corporation is guilty of an offense only if (a) the conduct constituting the offense consists of a failure to discharge a specific duty imposed upon corporations by law, (b) the conduct constituting the offense is engaged in, authorized, commanded or wantonly tolerated by the board of directors or by a high managerial agent acting within the scope of his employment in behalf of the corporation, or (c) the conduct constituting the offense is engaged in by an agent of the corporation acting within the scope of his employment and in behalf of the corporation.190

Civil Liability
Kentucky law provides a civil right of action for a victim of human trafficking against a defendant in the event of a conviction, allowing for recovery of the costs of bringing the action, attorney’s fees, compensatory, and punitive damages, if the victim prevails.192

Corporations can be held liable for a fine of up to $20,000 for a felony, including human trafficking.191
LOUISIANA

Signage Law
Louisiana requires hotels to post human trafficking awareness notices that meet the following requirements:

(a) The notices must be no smaller than 8½ x 11 inches, and in bold font no smaller than 14 points.
(b) The notices must be posted in the location where other employee notices required by state and federal law are posted.
(c) The notices must be in English, Spanish, Louisiana French, and any other language required by the Commissioner of Alcohol and Tobacco Control.
(d) The notices must state as follows:

If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave, whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other activity, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text “HELP” to 233733 (Be Free) in order to access help and services.

In addition to the notices, hotels must affix a flyer to the inside door to each bathroom stall at the establishment. Such a flyer shall be designed by the Greater New Orleans Human Trafficking Task Force, with the approval of the Commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, and shall be no larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches. The flyer is available on the website for the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control.

The first violation of this law can result in revocation or suspension of a business permit and/or a fine of $50 to $500. The fine for a second offense occurring within three years is $250 to $1000, and for a third offense within three years of the first the fine is $500 to $2500.

Training Law
Louisiana does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, Louisiana provides for the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Health and Hospitals to develop a plan for the delivery of services to human trafficking victims and the creation of educational materials for public use.

Criminal Liability
Louisiana law defines felony human trafficking, in part, as knowingly recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, soliciting, receiving, isolating, enticing, obtaining, or maintaining the use of another person through fraud, force, or coercion to provide services or labor. In addition, it is a felony for any person to knowingly benefit from or to knowingly facilitate such activities.

Under Louisiana law, a corporation can be liable for human trafficking and can be fined up to $15,000, or $25,000 if the victim is under 18 years of age. In addition, the law directs courts to seize any personal property used in the commission of the offense.
LOUISIANA, continued

Civil Liability
Louisiana law provides for a civil cause of action for victims of human trafficking.204

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Posters and Training Resources
The New Orleans Trafficking Task Forces offers free and voluntary awareness posters and training resources for businesses.205
MAINE

Signage Law
Maine requires certain businesses, where contact with victims of human trafficking is likely, including lodging establishments, to post human trafficking awareness posters that meet the following requirements:
(a) The posters should contain a telephone number for the National Human Trafficking Hotline, with such posters to be provided by the Department of Labor;
(b) The posters should be posted in a place that is clearly visible to the public and employees;
(c) The law does not specify the size or text of the posters.

The penalty for failing to comply with the law is a fine of $300 per violation.

Training Law
Maine does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.

Criminal Liability
Under Maine law, a person is guilty of sex trafficking if they knowingly promotes prostitution, including leasing or otherwise permitting a place to be regularly used for prostitution. An organization is guilty of a crime when an agent engages in or causes the conduct outlined in a crime while acting in the scope of the agent’s employment.

Civil Liability
A trafficked person may bring a civil action for actual damages, compensatory damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief, any combination of those or any other appropriate relief. A prevailing plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorney’s fees and costs. A legal guardian, family member, representative of the trafficked person or court appointee may represent the trafficked person or the trafficked person’s estate if deceased. Additionally, all assets, including money instruments, personal property and real property, used or traceable to a human trafficking offense are subject to forfeiture to the State.
MARYLAND

Signage Law
Maryland’s law enforcement is authorized to issue a civil citation to a lodging establishment requiring the posting of a human trafficking awareness notice in each of its guest rooms for one year if there has been an arrest leading to a conviction for prostitution, solicitation of a child or human trafficking on the property. Lodging establishments subject to the law include inns, hotels, motels, and any property that contains a minimum of four rooms available to temporary guests for lodging or sleeping purposes for a fee.

The required notice must meet the following requirements:
(a) The notice should be at least 3 x 5 inches;
(b) The notice should be printed in English, Spanish and any other language dictated by the federal Voting Rights Act.
(c) The notice must include, in bold type, the telephone number of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline.
(d) The notice, which is identical to that designed by the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, must state as follows:

REPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING:
National Human Trafficking Resource Center – 1-888-373-7888.
CALL FOR HELP IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW:
• 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 under State law.

Failure to comply with the notice requirement can result in a fine of up to $1,000 (in the aggregate, rather than for each room in violation).

Training Law
Maryland does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. A commercial driver’s license training school shall include as part of its curriculum education and training on the recognition, prevention, and effective reporting of human trafficking.

Criminal Liability
Under Maryland law, a corporation can be criminally liable for human trafficking by knowingly “harboring” another for the purpose of prostitution. In addition, the statute proscribes knowingly benefiting financially or receiving anything of value from a venture that traffics others for the purpose of prostitution. It is also illegal for a person to knowingly allow a building, structure, or conveyance to be used for prostitution, or to allow a person into a building for prostitution. Property used in connection with trafficking is subject to forfeiture.
### MARYLAND, continued

Sex trafficking is a felony subject to a fine up to $5,000 and imprisonment up to 10 years; or, if the victim is a minor, a fine up to $15,000 and imprisonment up to 25 years. Those who aid and abet trafficking are subject to the same penalties, as are those who benefit financially from trafficking.

#### Civil Liability

Maryland does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.

### BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

#### Signage Ordinance

Baltimore requires hotels to post a sign that meets the following requirements:

(a) The sign must be at least 3 x 5 inches in size;
(b) The sign should be printed in English and Spanish;
(c) The sign must draw attention to the phone number of the national human trafficking resource center hotline by showing the phone number in bold type;
(d) The sign should be posted on the back of each hotel room entry door;
(e) The sign must state the following:

REPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING:
National Human Trafficking Resource Center or text “BeFree” (233733)
1-888-373-7888
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.
Baltimore, Maryland, continued

Beginning in 2020, any person who owns or operates a hotel within the city must annually certify to the housing commissioner, in the form and manner required by the department of housing and community development, no later than December 31 of each year, that the hotel is in compliance with this section.\(^\text{228}\)

Any person who violates any provision of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than $1,000 for each offense.\(^\text{229}\)

Training Law

Baltimore requires anyone who owns or operates a hotel within the city to provide biennial training to all hotel employees on how to identify human trafficking activities and human trafficking victims.\(^\text{230}\) In addition, the hotel must annually certify to the police commission, no later than December 31st of each year, that all of their employees have completed the required training.\(^\text{231}\)

A violation of this ordinance is subject to a fine of not more than $1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months.\(^\text{232}\)

Prince George’s County, Maryland

Training Ordinance

Prince George’s County requires public lodging establishments, including hotels, rooming houses, tourist homes, motels, or tourist cabin park, to provide training to employees on how to identify human sex trafficking victims.\(^\text{233}\) Each new employee must complete the human trafficking training, and lodging establishments must annually certify that all their employees have completed the required training.\(^\text{224}\)

Any violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding $500 for the first offense and $1,000 for subsequent offenses.\(^\text{235}\)

Criminal Liability

Prince George’s County defines human sex trafficking, in part, as knowingly harboring another in any place for prostitution.\(^\text{236}\) In addition, any person who knowingly benefits financially or by receiving anything of value from participation in a venture that engages in human trafficking can be subject to the same penalties.\(^\text{237}\) A violation of this human trafficking ordinance carries a fine not to exceed $1,000.\(^\text{238}\)
MASSACHUSETTS

Signage Law
Massachusetts does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities. However, the Attorney General’s Office established a Human Trafficking Division that links businesses to trafficking awareness and prevention resources on its websites but the use of those resources by private business is not mandatory. There is a proposed bill to require signage in hair salons and cosmetology studios.

Training Law
Massachusetts does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the Attorney General’s Office provides voluntary presentations and awareness trainings to businesses and organizations.

Criminal Liability
Under the Massachusetts Penal Code, human trafficking is defined, in part, as knowingly (i) recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining another person to engage in commercial sexual activity or (ii) benefiting, financially or by receiving anything of value, as a result of a violation of the previous activities. Property used to commit or facilitate human trafficking is subject to forfeiture.

A business entity that commits trafficking of persons for sexual servitude can be punished by a fine of not more than $1,000,000.

Civil Liability
Massachusetts law provides any business entity that knowingly aids in the trafficking of persons for sexual servitude shall be civilly liable. The court may award actual damages, compensatory damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief, or any other appropriate relief. A prevailing plaintiff shall also be awarded attorney’s fees and costs. Treble damages may be awarded on proof of actual damages if the defendant’s acts were willful and malicious.
MICHIGAN

Signage Law
Michigan requires lodging establishments found to be a public nuisance to display posters that meet the following requirements:247
(a) The posters must be placed in a location clearly visible to the public and employees, in each facility that is open to use by the public;
(b) The posters must be no smaller than 8½ x 11 inches, with print no smaller than 14-point font, of durable construction;
(c) The posters should be printed in English, Spanish, and any other language deemed appropriate by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs in consultation with the Attorney General.
(d) The posters must state as follows:249
If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave, whether the activity is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other activity, please contact the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text 233733 to access help and services.
The victims of human trafficking are protected under U.S. law and the laws of this state.

While lodging facilities that have not been found to be a public nuisance are not required to display human trafficking awareness posters, they may do so voluntarily and the posters are available in many languages on the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs website.251

Training Law
Michigan does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the Attorney General’s website includes a number of human trafficking resources and publications, including some geared to the hospitality industry.252 A training video entitled, “Making the Invisible Visible” is on the Michigan Attorney General’s YouTube channel, while a publication entitled, “Human Trafficking Red Flags for Hospitality Industry” was published by the Attorney General.

Criminal Liability
Under Michigan criminal law, human trafficking is defined, in part, as recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining another person to engage in commercial sexual activity.253 In addition, a “person,” including a corporation,254 can be prosecuted for knowingly benefiting financially or receiving anything of value from participation in an enterprise that is engaging in human trafficking.255

Civil Liability
Michigan allows victims of sex trafficking against any person or entity that violates any of the criminal human trafficking offenses detailed above.256
MINNESOTA

Signage Law
Minnesota requires all hotel and motel establishments to display a poster that meets the following requirements:
(a) The poster should be written or approved by the Commissioner of Health and contains information explaining what sex trafficking is in order to raise awareness; how to recognize potential victims; how to identify activities commonly associated with sex trafficking; and effective responses to trafficking situations, including how to report suspected sex traffickers to the proper law enforcement officials.
(b) The poster must be displayed in a place readily accessible to all employees.
(c) The law does not specify the size or text of the poster.257

The law does not include any punishment for failure to comply.

Training Law
Minnesota law requires every hotel and motel in the state to ensure that every employee who works on-site, including, but not limited to, any owner, operator, or manager receives the sex trafficking educational training approved by the Commission of Health within 90 days of hiring and annually thereafter. The operator of every hotel and motel is required to certify annually that every employee has received the required training. In addition, lodging operators have an obligation to conduct an ongoing awareness campaign for employees addressing the required components of the training. Any operator who fails to comply with the training requirement will, upon the first violation, be given six months to comply with an order issued by the Health Commissioner.258 Furthermore, any costs associated with the training requirements are the responsibility of the “licensee” to pay.259

The training requirements, however, do not apply to employees who: (1) are under the age of 16 years unless they clean guest rooms; (2) work exclusively in a restaurant, providing catering services, or both; or (3) do not have direct contact with either guests or guest rooms.260

Criminal Liability
Under Minnesota law, a corporation or other business enterprise261 can be held criminally liable for sex trafficking in the second degree for receiving profit, knowing or having reason to know that it is derived from the prostitution, or the promotion of the prostitution, of an individual.262 The penalty for sex trafficking in the second degree is a fine of not more than $40,000,263 as well as the potential order to dissolve the corporation, suspension or revocation of any license granted by the state, and/or the surrender of its charger under Minnesota law.264

Civil Liability
Any hotel or motel operator or employee who acts in good faith is immune from civil liability for reporting suspected sex trafficking activities.265
**ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA**

**Training Ordinance**
Under Albert Lea law, each person, firm, or corporation that operates a hotel, motel, or extended-stay hotel shall ensure each employee who works on-site, including but not limited to, owner, operator, or manager, receives sex trafficking prevention training.\(^{266}\)

For a first violation, the business has six months to comply with a warning. A failure to comply with this requirement can result in a denial, suspension, revocation, or non-renewal of a business license.\(^{267}\)

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**MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**

**Civil Liability**
The city can deny, suspend, or revoke a hotel’s license if hotels commit a prohibited act, including “knowingly allowing a room to be occupied for purposes of sex trafficking.”\(^{268}\)
MISSISSIPPI

Signage Law
Mississippi does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

Training Law
Mississippi does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.

Criminal Liability
Under Mississippi criminal law, human trafficking is defined, in part, as coercing, recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining another person to engage in commercial sexual activity. In addition, a person or business entity can be criminally liable for human trafficking for benefitting, whether financially or by receiving anything of value, from participating in an enterprise that he knows or reasonably should have known has engaged in such acts.

A business may be criminally liable if an agent of the enterprise knowingly engages in conduct that constitutes a human trafficking offense while acting within the scope of employment and for the benefit of the entity. A business may also be criminally liable if an employee of the enterprise engages in conduct that constitutes a human trafficking offense and an agent of the enterprise either knew or recklessly disregarded the offense and the agent failed to take effective action to stop the illegal activity. There is an affirmative defense where the enterprise had in place adequate procedures, including an effective complaint procedure, designed to prevent persons from engaging in unlawful conduct and to promptly correct any violations of law. A business may be fined up to $1,000,000 for violations and may also have to disgorge profits and could be debarred from government contracts. Additionally, a court may order forfeiture of assets for a criminal sex trafficking violation.

Any person who has reasonable cause to suspect that a minor under the age of 18 is a trafficked person shall immediately make a report of the suspected child abuse or neglect to the Department of Child Protection Services and to the Statewide Human Trafficking Coordinator.

Civil Liability
Mississippi does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.
MISSOURI

Signage Law
Missouri requires hotels, motels, and other establishments that have been cited as a public nuisance to display a human trafficking awareness poster that meets the following requirements:
(a) The poster should be designed by the Department of Public Safety; 276
(b) The poster shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in or near the bathrooms or near the entrance;
(c) The poster must be at least 8½ x 11 inches in size;
(d) The poster must be printed in English, Spanish, and any other language required for voting material under the federal Voting Rights Act;
(e) The poster must contain a statement substantially similar to the following: 277

If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave — whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other activity — call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text 233733 (BEFREE) or visit the following website: www.traffickingresourcecenter.org to access help and services. Victims of human trafficking are protected under U.S. and Missouri law.

The toll-free hotline is:
• Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
• Operated by a non-profit, non-governmental organization
• Anonymous and confidential
• Accessible in 170 languages
• Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information.

Additional information about other hotlines providing assistance to human trafficking victims may also be included. Any owner of an establishment required to post the hotline notice who fails to comply with the requirement will receive a written warning for the first violation and “may be guilty of an infraction for any subsequent violation.”278

Training Law
Missouri does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. Training materials prepared in conjunction with local businesses and nonprofits are available on the Attorney General’s website.279

Criminal Liability
Under Missouri criminal law, human trafficking is defined, in part, as coercing, recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining another person to engage in commercial sexual activity.280 In addition, a person or business entity can be criminally liable for human trafficking for benefitting, whether financially or by receiving anything of value, from participating in such trafficking activities.281

Civil Liability
Missouri does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.
MONTANA

Signage Law
Montana does not currently have a law requiring lodging facilities to display human trafficking awareness signage. However, the Montana Department of Justice is statutorily required to design a poster that must be 8½ x 11 inches and that states the following:“If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave – whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other activity – call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services. Victims of human trafficking are protected under U.S. and Montana law. The toll-free hotline is:
• Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;
• Toll-free;
• Operated by a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization;
• Anonymous and confidential;
• Accessible in 170 languages; and
• Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information.”

The poster is available for print on the Department of Justice’s website. While the display of the poster is encouraged in a location that is accessible to employees and members of the public, it is not mandated.

Montana requires that the poster be displayed at rest areas along interstate and state highways.

Training Law
Montana does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the Montana Department of Justice provides a voluntary and free training video on its website.

Beginning July 1, 2019, Montana also established a two-person trafficking enforcement team, whose duties include providing training, outreach, education, and coordination on human trafficking at a state level.

Criminal Liability
Under Montana criminal law, human trafficking is defined, in part, as knowingly recruiting, transporting, transferring, harboring, receiving, providing, obtaining, isolating, maintaining, or enticing another person intending or knowing that the person will be subjected to involuntary servitude or sexual servitude. In addition, a person or business entity can be criminally liable for human trafficking for benefitting, whether financially or by receiving anything of value, from participating in such trafficking activities. Property knowingly used in human trafficking is subject to forfeiture.

The penalty for trafficking offenses is a fine not to exceed $75,000, or, if the victim is a child, not to exceed $100,000.

Civil Liability
Montana allows victims to bring civil action against any person or business entities that violate the criminal human trafficking laws detailed above. A court may award compensatory damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief, attorneys fees, and any other appropriate relief. The section does not, however, preclude any other remedy available to the victim under federal or state law.
NEBRASKA

**Signage Law**
Nebraska does not currently have a law requiring lodging facilities to display human trafficking awareness signage. Effective November 14, 2020, Nebraska’s human trafficking task force shall work with local businesses and nonprofit entities to voluntarily place human trafficking information posters in hotels. The poster shall be in English, Spanish, and any other language deemed appropriate and shall include a toll-free telephone number a person may call for assistance, preferably the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline.\(^{295}\)

**Training Law**
Nebraska does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the Attorney General’s Office provides voluntary training resources on its website.\(^{296}\)

**Criminal Liability**
Under Nebraska criminal law, human trafficking is defined, in part, as knowingly recruiting, enticing, harboring, transporting, providing, soliciting, or obtaining another person to engage in commercial sexual activity without their consent.\(^{297}\) In addition, a “person,” including a corporation,\(^{298}\) can be prosecuted for knowingly benefiting financially or receiving anything of value from participation in an enterprise that is engaging in human trafficking.\(^{299}\)

**Civil Liability**
A trafficking victim who suffered personal or mental injury, death, or any other damages proximately caused by human trafficking may bring a civil action against any person who knowingly (a) engaged in human trafficking of such victim or (b) aided or assisted in the human trafficking of such victim.\(^{300}\)
NEVADA

Signage Law
Nevada does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

Training Law
Nevada does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the Nevada Attorney General’s Office provides voluntary and free training resources on their website.\(^{301}\)

Criminal Liability
Under Nevada criminal law, sex trafficking is defined, in part, as inducing, causing, recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, obtaining, or maintaining another knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that threats, violence, force, intimidation, fraud, duress or coercion will be used to cause the person to engage in prostitution.\(^{302}\) Trafficking also includes subjecting another person to forced labor or services by threats of violence or other coercion.\(^{303}\) In addition, a “person,” including a corporation,\(^{304}\) can be prosecuted for receiving anything of value with the specific intent of facilitating a violation of the human trafficking law.\(^{305}\)

A violation of this human trafficking law constitutes a felony and may be punished by a fine of not more than $10,000, or if the victim is a child less than 14 years of age, not more than $20,000.\(^{306}\)

Civil Liability
Nevada law allows a victim of human trafficking to bring a civil action against any person who caused, was responsible for, or profited from the human trafficking.\(^{307}\)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Signage Law
New Hampshire does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

Training Law
New Hampshire does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the New Hampshire Human Trafficking Collaborative Task Force offers voluntary training resources on its website.\(^{308}\)

Criminal Liability
Under New Hampshire law, it is a class A felony to harbor a person, knowing or believing it likely that the person will be subjected to trafficking.\(^{309}\) In addition to its ordinary meaning, the statutory definition of “person” includes corporations and unincorporated associations.\(^{310}\)

The penalty for sex trafficking includes a fine not exceeding $4,000 for an individual, and $100,000 for a corporation or unincorporated association\(^{311}\) and the forfeiture of any real property involved in the offense.\(^{312}\)

Civil Liability
New Hampshire allows a victim to bring a civil action against a person that commits an offense under the criminal human trafficking law detailed above for damages, injunctive relief, or other appropriate relief.\(^{313}\)
NEW JERSEY

Signage Law
The Department of Community Affairs enacted a regulation, as part of a mandated training program, that requires the posting of an information sheet that meet the following requirements:
(a) The information sheet should be available in English and Spanish;
(b) The sheet should provide information on reporting suspected human trafficking;
(c) The sheet should be posted in conspicuous and visible locations in areas accessed by hotel employees including, but not limited to, laundry rooms and employee break rooms.314

New Jersey’s Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection and Treatment Act created a Commission on Human Trafficking and gave the Commission the duty to “develop mechanisms to promote public awareness of human trafficking, including the promotion of the national, 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone service on human trafficking... and the promotion of training courses and other educational materials for use by persons... to undergo training on the handling of and response procedures for suspected human trafficking activities.”316 The Commission has worked with the Office of the Attorney General’s Department of Law and Safety to create human trafficking awareness posters that may be displayed in lodging facilities, and the posters are available on the Department’s website.316

A proposed bill currently pending the state senate would require hotels to post a human trafficking hotline notice and be liable for a civil penalty of $300 for a first offense and $1,000 for each subsequent offense.317

Training Law
New Jersey law requires the Department of Community Affairs and the Commission on Human Trafficking to create and provide a one-time training course on “the handling and response procedures of suspected human trafficking activities for owners, operators, and staff of hotels and motels.”318 Verified completion of the course by required staff “shall be a condition of issuance, maintenance, or renewal” of any license, certificate, or permit. The training course must be reviewed at least every two years and modified as required.319 Further, the Department of Community Affairs must oversee and ensure that “all hotel and motel owners, operators, and required staff attend [a] one-time training course... within six months of the first day of ownership, operation, or employment for all new owners, operators and required staff.”320

The regulations adopted by the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to this mandate specify that the employees to be trained are: hotel management, front desk and registration employees, janitorial and housekeeping staff, and hotel security staff.321 As part of the training the Department has provided a video on recognizing and reporting suspected human trafficking in English and Spanish, and all the specified employees must view the video.322 The lodging facility is required to maintain a list of the current employees and the date on which they viewed the video and a certificate must be filed with the Department by the owner or manager stating that the employees have viewed the video and that the list of employees and the dates of viewing has been maintained and is available for inspection.323
NEW JERSEY, continued

Criminal Liability
Under New Jersey law, a person can be held criminally liable for human trafficking if he or she knowingly harbors a victim of human trafficking.\textsuperscript{324} A person can be held criminally liable for human trafficking in the second degree if he or she provides services, resources, or assistance with the knowledge that the services, resources, or assistance are intended to be used in furtherance of the commission of the crime of human trafficking.\textsuperscript{325} For purposes of this law, "services, resources, or assistance" include business services, lodging, and the provision of facilities or any other service or property with a pecuniary value that exceeds $200, whether or not a person is compensated for the services, resources, or assistance.\textsuperscript{326}

A proposed bill currently pending in the state assembly would expand criminal liability to include anyone who “benefits financially” from a human trafficking scheme.\textsuperscript{327}

Civil Liability
Under New Jersey law, any person injured, including injury due to loss of money or property as a result of a human trafficking offense can bring a civil action against an actor and all those acting in concert with that actor who committed a human trafficking offense.\textsuperscript{328}

A proposed bill currently pending in the state senate would explicitly allow a victim of human trafficking to bring a civil action against all those who knowingly derived a pecuniary benefit from the offense, whether or not those parties were acting in concert with the offender, as well as those who knowingly maintained a victim of the offense, whether or not those parties were acting in concert with the offender.\textsuperscript{329}
NEW MEXICO

Signage Law
New Mexico requires all employers who subject to the Minimum Wage Act to display a trafficking awareness poster that meets the following requirements.\(^{330}\)

(a) The poster must be at least 8½ x 11 inches.
(b) The poster must be in English, Spanish, and any other written language where ten percent or more of the workers or users of the facility speak that language, with the portions in each language equal in size.
(c) The poster must be displayed in a conspicuous location visible to both employees and the public.
(d) The law mandates the inclusion of the following text:\(^{231}\)

NOTICE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING: OBTAINING FORCED LABOR OR SERVICES IS A CRIME UNDER NEW MEXICO AND FEDERAL LAW. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS A VICTIM OF THIS CRIME, CONTACT THE FOLLOWING: IN NEW MEXICO, CALL OR TEXT 505- GET-FREE (505- 438-3733); OR CALL THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE TOLL-FREE AT 1-888-373- 7888 FOR HELP.

YOU MAY ALSO SEND THE TEXT “HELP” OR “INFO” TO BEFREE (“233733”). YOU MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS, AND YOUR CALL OR TEXT IS CONFIDENTIAL.

No penalties for failure to display the poster are specified.

Training Law
New Mexico does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.

Criminal Liability
Under New Mexico criminal law, human trafficking is defined, in part, as knowingly recruiting, soliciting, enticing, transporting, or obtaining a person under 18 years of age with the intent or knowledge that the person will be caused to engage in commercial sexual activity,\(^{332}\) or with the intent or knowledge that force, fraud or coercion will be used to subject the person to labor, services or commercial sexual activity.\(^{333}\) In addition, a “person,” including a corporation,\(^{334}\) can be prosecuted for benefitting, financially or by receiving anything of value, from the commercial sexual activity of another person with the knowledge that force, fraud, or coercion was used to obtain the commercial sexual activity.\(^{335}\)

A violation of these criminal provisions is a third-degree felony carrying a fine of $5,000 and punishable by between three and six years imprisonment; a second-degree felony carrying a fine of $12,500 and punishable by between nine and 15 years imprisonment if the victim was under 16; or a first-degree felony carrying a fine of $15,000 and punishable by up to 18 years imprisonment if the victim was under 13.\(^{336}\)
Civil Liability
In New Mexico, a human trafficking victim may bring a civil action against an alleged human trafficker, as defined by the criminal law provision detailed above, for actual damages, compensatory damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief, or any other appropriate relief. If a court finds that a defendant’s actions are willful and malicious, the court may award treble damages to the plaintiff. Prevailing plaintiffs are also entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees and costs. The statute of limitations for a civil action for human trafficking is 10 years from either 1) the date on which the trafficking actions occurred, or 2) the date on which the victim attains 18 years of age if the victim was a minor when the defendant’s actions occurred.

Pueblo of Laguna’s criminal law defines sex trafficking of children, in part, as harboring, transporting, or maintaining a person under 18 by any means for the purpose of commercial sex acts. In addition, a corporation can be prosecuted for benefitting financially or for receiving anything of value, from participation in a venture engaged in the sex trafficking of children.

A violation of this criminal law carries the maximum fine allowable under federal law.
NEW YORK

Signage Law
New York law provides that every keeper of a lodging facility must display human trafficking information cards that meet the following requirements:
(a) The cards should be available in public restrooms, guestrooms, and near public entrances and other conspicuous places;341
(b) The cards must contain only information concerning services for human trafficking victims and must prominently include the National Human Trafficking Center Hotline telephone number.
(c) The law does not require any specific text, other than the hotline number, nor does it specify size or font.
(d) The content of the cards may be developed by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), in consultation with the New York State Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking, the United States Department of Homeland Security, or the lodging facility.

There are no specific penalties for failure to abide by the law. The law further provides that lodging facilities may, on a voluntary basis, also display a human trafficking awareness notice. The OTDA, in consultation with the New York State Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking, must provide the notice.

Training Law
New York does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.342

Criminal Liability
Under New York law, a person is guilty of sex trafficking if he or she intentionally advances or profits from prostitution by, among other activities, illegally providing drugs to, making material false statements to, withholding documents of, or using force on a person patronized for prostitution.343 Sex trafficking is a Class B felony in the state of New York.344

Under New York law, a person over 21 years of age is guilty of sex trafficking of a child when he or she intentionally advances or profits from prostitution of another person and such person is a child less than 18 years old.345 Knowledge of the age of the victim is not an element of the offense, and lack of knowledge of the age of the victim is not a defense to this crime.346 “Advancing prostitution” under this law is defined as engaging “in conduct that facilitates an act or enterprise of prostitution,” and “profiting from prostitution” under this law is defined as “accepting or receiving money or other property pursuant to an agreement or understanding with any person whereby he or she participates in the proceeds of prostitution activity.”347 Sex trafficking of a child is a Class B felony in the state of New York.348

In a prosecution for sex trafficking, the prostituted person will not be considered an accomplice to their own sale or attempted sale.349 However, a person is guilty of “permitting prostitution,” a Class B misdemeanor in the state of New York, when “having possession or control of premises... which he or she knows are being used for prostitution purposes or for the purpose of advancing prostitution, he or she fails to make reasonable effort to halt or abate such use.”350
NEW YORK, continued

Civil Liability
A victim of the conduct prohibited by the above criminal provisions may bring a civil action against the perpetrator or whoever knowingly advances or profits from, or whoever should have known he or she was advancing or profiting from, an act in violation of the above provisions to recover damages and reasonable attorney’s fees.351
NORTH CAROLINA

Signage Law
North Carolina requires holders of Alcoholic Beverage Control permits, which includes hotels, to display a human trafficking awareness sign that meets the following requirements:352
(a) The sign should be created and provided by the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission and should include the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information.
(b) The sign must be displayed in a conspicuous location visible to both employees and the public.

Penalties may include suspension or revocation of the permit or fines up to $1,250 (maximum for repeat violations).353

Training Law
North Carolina does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission does offer on-site training.354

Criminal Liability
Under North Carolina criminal law, human trafficking is defined, in part, as knowingly or recklessly disregarding the consequences of the action recruiting, enticing, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining by any means another person with the intent that the other person be held in involuntary servitude or sexual servitude.355
A violation of this law is a Class C felony if the victim is an adult or a Class B2 felony if the victim of the offense is a minor.356

A proposed bill currently pending in the state legislature would also criminalize benefiting financially or receiving anything of value from the services of another person they know is being subjected to or maintained in sexual servitude. The bill further would prohibit the selling of “travel services,” including hotel or other lodging accommodations that the person knows to include travel for the purpose of engaging in conduct that would constitute a human trafficking statute.357

Civil Liability
An individual who is a victim of human trafficking may, in North Carolina, bring a civil action against any person or entity that violates the criminal provision detailed above or against a person who knowingly benefitted financially from a venture which that person knew or should have known violated the criminal human trafficking provision.358 The victim may seek injunctive relief, compensatory damages, damages for noneconomic losses, and reasonable attorneys’ fees.359 The statute of limitations for bringing an action under this law is either 1) 10 years after the cause of action arose, or 2) 10 years after the victim reaches 18 years of age if the victim was a minor at the time of the alleged offense.360
NORTH DAKOTA

Signage Law
North Dakota law provides that a proprietor may post a notice provided by the human trafficking commission including the contact information for an organization that provides assistance and support services to human trafficking victims. Under the law, the poster may be visibly displayed at the lodging establishment’s check-in area, lobby, or transient guest services.

Training Law
North Dakota does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the state human trafficking commission is statutorily tasked with establishing an educational training program with a focus on the accurate and prompt identification of, reporting of, or response to suspected human trafficking. A lodging establishment’s proprietor may provide each onsite employee with the training established by the human trafficking commission. A proprietor may annually certify each employee has received the training and may conduct an ongoing awareness campaign for their employees.

Criminal Liability
Under North Dakota law, human trafficking is defined, in part, as knowingly recruiting, transporting, transferring, harboring, receiving, providing, isolating, or maintaining an individual in furtherance of sexual servitude. A business entity may be prosecuted for a human trafficking offense and may be penalized a fine of not more than $1,000,000, disgorgement of profit from activity in violation of North Dakota law, and debarment from state and local government contracts.

Civil Liability
In North Dakota, a victim may bring a civil action against a person that commits an offense against the victim under the criminal provision discussed above for compensatory damages, exemplary or punitive damages, injunctive relief, and “any other appropriate relief.” However, the law provides that a proprietor or employee of a lodging establishment who acts in good faith is immune from liability in any civil action for reporting suspected human trafficking activities.
OHIO

Signage Law
Ohio law encourages but does not require lodging and other establishments to display the human trafficking awareness posters prepared by the Division of Criminal Justice Services in the Department of Public Safety.\(^{369}\)

If a lodging facility chooses to display such a poster, it must meet the following requirements:
(a) The poster should be at least 8½ x 11 inches;
(b) The poster should be printed in English, Spanish, and any other language required for voting material in a given county;
(c) The poster should contain a statement with substantially the following text:\(^{370}\)
   If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or other activity call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services.

Victims of human trafficking are protected under U.S. and Ohio law.

The toll-free Hotline is:
• Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
• Operated by a non-profit, non-governmental organization
• Anonymous & confidential
• Accessible in 170 languages
• Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information.

(d) In addition to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline, the statement on the poster may contain any additional hotline regarding human trafficking for access to help and services.

Training Law
Ohio does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the state provides voluntary human trafficking training resources on its website.\(^{371}\)

Criminal Liability
Ohio defines human trafficking, in part, as knowingly recruiting, isolating, harboring, or maintaining a person for the purposes of commercial sexual activity.\(^{372}\) A violation of this law constitutes a felony in the first degree.

Civil Liability
Ohio does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs. Victims can, however, pursue civil damages against traffickers.\(^{373}\)
OKLAHOMA

Signage Law
Oklahoma does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

Training Law
Oklahoma does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.

Criminal Liability
Under Oklahoma criminal law, human trafficking is defined, in part, as recruiting, enticing, harboring, maintaining, transporting, providing, or obtaining a minor or another person through deception, force, fraud, threat or coercion for purposes of engaging the person in a commercial sex act. In addition, a “person,” including a corporation, can be prosecuted for benefiting financially or by receiving anything of value from participating in a venture that has engaged in an act of trafficking for commercial sex.

Civil Liability
Any victim of human trafficking may bring a civil action against the person and persons who committed the criminal violation against them. In addition, the state can bring an action against any individual, including an employer, supervisor, or administrator, who knowingly and willfully fails to report suspected trafficking in children or who interferes with the prompt reporting of trafficking in children. Any person who is licensed by a state entity may be subject to discipline, including license revocation or suspension, if the person knowingly and willfully fails to promptly report suspected trafficking in children or interferes with the prompt reporting of trafficking in children.

OREGON

Signage Law
Oregon does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

Training Law
Oregon does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the Oregon Department of Justice has a Trafficking Intervention Program, which has a stated goal of developing a comprehensive statewide response to human trafficking, including training and assistance for law enforcement and community partners.

Criminal Liability
Under Oregon law, a person who knowingly (i) harbors, or attempt to harbor, another person and knows or recklessly disregards facts indicating that the other person is a victim of human trafficking, or (ii) benefits financially or receives something of value from participation in a venture that involves human trafficking can be held criminally liable. The statutory definition of “person” includes public or private corporations, unincorporated associations, and partnerships, in addition to natural persons.

Civil Liability
Irrespective of any criminal prosecution or the result of a criminal prosecution, a person injured by a violation of the above criminal provisions may bring a civil action for damages against the person whose actions are unlawful. The plaintiff may recover (a) both special and general damages, including damages for emotional distress and (b) punitive damages.
PENNSYLVANIA

Signage Law
Pennsylvania requires any hotel found to be a drug-related or common nuisance, to display human trafficking awareness posters that meet the following requirements:386
(a) The posters must contain information about the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline and state that victims of human trafficking are protected under state and federal law;387
(b) The posters must be at least 8½ x 11 inches;
(c) The posters must be printed in English, Spanish, and any other language mandated by the Voting Rights Act in the relevant county.388

Administrative penalties assessed by the licensing authority for failure to properly post such signs begin with a warning and increase to monetary fines of up to $500. Criminal penalties for failure to properly post such signs begin with a fine of no more than $100 and increase with any additional violations, up to a misdemeanor and a fine of up to $500.389

Training Law
Pennsylvania does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, subject to availability of funds, grants are to be made available to state and local government and non-governmental agencies to develop or expand programs geared toward prevention of human trafficking, including increasing public awareness.390

Criminal Liability
Under Pennsylvania law, human trafficking is defined, in part, as recruiting, enticing, soliciting, harboring, transporting, or maintaining an individual if the person knows or recklessly disregards that the individual will be subject to sexual servitude.391 Human trafficking is a first-degree felony.392 A person commits a felony of the first degree if the person engages in any sex act or performance with another individual knowing that the act or performance is the result of the individual being a victim of human trafficking.393 Additionally, a person commits an offense if the person engages in any sex act or performance with another individual with reckless disregard for whether the act or performance is the result of the individual being a victim of human trafficking; this offense is a felony of the third degree if it is the first offense, and a felony of the first degree if it is a second or subsequent offense.394

In addition, any business entity that knowingly aids or financially benefits from human trafficking395 could be subject to any of the following penalties: (1) a fine of not more than $1,000,000; (2) revocation of the business entity’s (i) charter, if it is organized under laws of Pennsylvania, or (ii) certificate of authority to do business in Pennsylvania if the business entity is not organized under the laws of Pennsylvania; or (3) other relief as the courts deems equitable, including forfeiture of assets or restitution.396
Civil Liability

Pennsylvania law provides that a victim of human trafficking may bring a civil action against anyone who participated in trafficking the victim. It further provides that “a victim of the sex trade” may sue any person that: “(i) recruits, profits from or maintains the victim in any sex trade act; (ii) abuses or causes bodily harm to the victim in any sex trade act; and (iii) knowingly advertises or publishes advertisements for purposes of recruitment into sex trade activity.”

It is possible that a lodging facility could be identified as an entity that “profits from” sex trafficking, albeit indirectly, by collecting the fee of letting a room to traffickers, but the availability of civil liability is restricted. Lodging facilities would appear to fall under the explicit exception for “any person who provides goods and services to the general public,” contained in the statute. As a business providing services to the general public, a lodging facility could only be held civilly liable to a victim trafficked at the facility if it “knowingly markets or provides” services to traffickers, knowingly receives a higher level of compensation from a trafficker, or supervises or exercises control over a trafficker.
RHODE ISLAND

**Signage Law**
Rhode Island requires lodging facilities previously cited as a nuisance to display human trafficking awareness posters. Any such business must display the sign in a location that is clearly conspicuous and visible to employees and the public. The law does not specify the size or exact text of the posters.

The penalty for knowingly failing to comply with the law is $300 per violation.

**Training Law**
Rhode Island does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the council on human trafficking is statutorily tasked with bringing together governmental and non-governmental actors to, among other things, coordinate training on prevention for state and local employees.

**Criminal Liability**
A person commits the offense of human trafficking if the person knowingly recruits, transports, transfers, harbors, receives, provides, obtains, isolates, maintains, or entices an individual in furtherance of forced labor or sexual servitude.

Under Rhode Island law, a business entity may be prosecuted for human trafficking if: (1) the entity knowingly engaged in conduct that constitutes human trafficking or (2) an employee or nonemployee agent of the entity engages in conduct that constitutes human trafficking and the conduct is part of a pattern of activity in violation of the statute governing human trafficking for the benefit of the entity, which the entity knew was occurring and failed to take effective action to stop.

If a business entity is found criminally liable for human trafficking, the court may consider the severity of the entity’s conduct and order penalties in addition to those otherwise provided for the offense, including: (1) a fine of not more than $50,000 per offense; (2) disgorgement of profit from the activity; and (3) debarment from state and local government contracts.

**Civil Liability**
An individual who is a victim of human trafficking may bring a civil action against any person that participated in the human trafficking of the individual for compensatory damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief, and any other appropriate relief.
SOUTH CAROLINA

Signage Law
South Carolina requires all lodging facilities to display human trafficking awareness posters that meet the following requirements:
(a) The posters must be no smaller than 8½ x 11 inches;
(b) The posters must be printed in both English and Spanish on the same poster;
(c) The notices must be posted in each public restroom of the business or establishment and in a prominent location conspicuous to the public at the entrance of the establishment where posters and notices are customarily posted.
(d) The posters must state as follows:
If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave, whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other activity, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services.
Victims of human trafficking are protected under federal law and the laws of South Carolina. The hotline is:
1. available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week;
2. operated by a nonprofit, non-governmental organization;
3. anonymous and confidential;
4. accessible in one hundred seventy languages;
5. able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information.
(e) The law mandates several state agencies to provide the required posters by making them available for download from their websites. Lodging facilities are required to download the posters and post them in not less than 16-point font.

The penalty for failure to properly post such notice is a written warning for the first violation and a $50 fine for each subsequent violation.

Training Law
South Carolina does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the Attorney General’s Office provides voluntary and free training materials and resources.

Criminal Liability
Under South Carolina law, a person who (i) knowingly harbors or transports a victim of sex trafficking or (ii) benefits, financially or by receiving anything of value, from participation in a venture which has engaged in sex trafficking, may be held criminally liable. The principal owners of a business that knowingly aids or participates in a violation of the above provisions will be subject to a fine or loss of business license in the State, or both.

Civil Liability
A victim of trafficking in persons may bring a civil action against anyone who violates the criminal provisions detailed above. The court can award actual damages, compensatory damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief, and other appropriate relief, including treble damages.
**SOUTH DAKOTA**

**Signage Law**
South Dakota does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

**Training Law**
South Dakota does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the South Dakota West River Human Trafficking Task Force offers free and voluntary training resources.414

**Criminal Liability**
Under South Dakota law, a person who purposely or knowingly harbors a victim of human trafficking or benefits financially or by receiving anything of value from facilitating human trafficking can be held criminally liable.415 If the victim is under 18 years of age, the crime of human trafficking need not be purposeful or knowing.416 The statutory definition of an actor for purposes of the criminal law includes limited liability companies, corporations, firms, organizations, and partnerships, and thus can cover lodging facilities.417

**Civil Liability**
South Dakota provides that a victim of human trafficking under the criminal provision detailed above may bring a civil cause of action.418
TENNESSEE

Signage Law
Tennessee strongly encourages any governmental entity or private business or establishment that provides or offers a place of lodging that is licensed by the state or engaged in commerce in this state to post a sign that meets the following requirements:
(a) The sign should be no smaller than 8½ x 11 inches indicating certain information regarding the Tennessee human trafficking center hotline, a state-run hotline maintained by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.
(b) The title of the sign and the Tennessee human trafficking center hotline should be in boldface and underlined and no smaller than 28 point font size.
(c) The sign should be posted in a location visible to employees and the general public.
(d) The sign must be in English, Spanish, and any other language mandated by the Voting Rights Act of 1965, in the county where the sign will be posted.
(e) The sign should state the following:

Victims of human trafficking are protected under United States and Tennessee law.

The hotline is:
• Anonymous and confidential
• Available 24/7
• Toll free
• Available to Non-English speaking callers through assistance of Interpreters.

The law provides that the Department of Labor and Workforce shall make the sign available on its website and shall periodically send an electronic notification to any business or establishment that is licensed by the state or any subdivision thereof that encourages the posting of the sign.

Training Law
Tennessee does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.

Criminal Liability
A person commits an offense of human trafficking if the person knowingly (1) harbors another person, intending or knowing that the person will be subjected to involuntary servitude or for the purpose of providing a commercial sex act or (2) benefits financially from participation in a venture that has engaged in human trafficking.
TENNESSEE, continued

Tennessee law provides that a corporation may be prosecuted for a violation of the human trafficking laws for an “act or omission constituting a crime under [human trafficking laws] only if an agent of the corporation performs the conduct that is an element of the crime while acting within the scope of the agent’s office or employment and on behalf of the corporation and the commission of the crime was either authorized, requested, commanded, performed or within the scope of the agent’s employment on behalf of the corporation or constituted a pattern of illegal activity that an agent of the company knew or should have known was occurring.” 423 Applicable fines range from $250,000 to $350,000. 424

Civil Liability
Tennessee law provides that the victim of a human trafficking offense may bring a civil action for actual damages, compensatory damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief, any combination of those, or any other appropriate relief, and will be awarded attorney’s fees and costs if successful. 425
TEXAS

**Signage Law**
Texas does not currently have a law mandating that lodging facilities post human trafficking awareness notices.

However, Texas law requires the holder of a permit or license to sell alcoholic beverages (which could include certain lodging facilities) on or off of the premises to display a sign that meets the following requirements:
(a) The sign must be at 8½ x 11 inches;
(b) The sign must be in English (covering approximately 2/3 of the sign) and Spanish (covering approximately 1/3 of the sign);
(c) The sign should be displayed in a conspicuous manner clearly visible to the public and employees of the permit or license holder;
(d) The sign should state the following:
WARNING: Obtaining forced labor or services is a crime under Texas Law. Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888. You may remain anonymous.

**Training Law**
Although training is not mandatory, the Office of the Attorney General of Texas has developed a training video on preventing human trafficking. In addition, the Hotel and Lodging Association of Greater Houston provides complimentary human trafficking training specific to the hotel and lodging industry.

**Criminal Liability**
Under Texas law, a person who knowingly harbors a victim of human trafficking or benefits financially or by receiving anything of value from facilitating human trafficking can be held criminally liable. The definition of “person” in the criminal law includes corporations, associations, limited liability companies and other entities and, consequently, could include businesses such as lodging facilities.

**Civil Liability**
Texas law provides that a “defendant who engages in the trafficking of persons or who intentionally or knowingly benefits from participating in a venture that traffics another person is liable to the person trafficked . . . for damages arising from the trafficking of that person by the defendant or venture.” Furthermore, if a legal entity is liable, a shareholder or member of such legal entity is “jointly and severally liable with the entity to the person trafficked for damages arising from the trafficking of that person if the person demonstrates that the shareholder or member caused the entity to be used for the purpose of trafficking that person and did traffic that person for the direct personal benefit of the shareholder or member.”
**HOUSTON, TEXAS**

**Signage Law**
The City of Houston requires that hotels display signs that include a statement that employees must receive annual human trafficking training and information on recognizing and reporting human trafficking and the signs should be in English, Spanish, and any other language spoken by 10% of hotel employees.\(^{434}\)

**Training Law**
Houston law requires a hotel operator to provide at least 20 minutes of annual training to each hotel employee on how to identify human trafficking activities and victims and how to report human trafficking.\(^{435}\) The training must be approved by the mayor’s office and must include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. An overview of human trafficking, including the experience of its victims, how and why human trafficking takes place in the hospitality industry, and how it is defined under federal law;
2. Guidance on how to identify individuals who are most at risk for human trafficking;
3. An explanation of the difference between labor and sex trafficking specific to the hotel sector;
4. Guidance on the role of hospitality employees in reporting and responding to this issue;
5. The contact information of appropriate agencies, including, but not limited to, the National Human Trafficking Hotline toll-free telephone number and text line, and the telephone numbers of the appropriate local law enforcement agencies; and
6. If online, the training shall contain a pacing mechanism that requires the trainee to read all course material, view all videos, and complete all coursework before generating a certificate.

Each trainee’s completion of the training shall be documented with an attendance sheet or a certificate. The hotel must provide the training to any new employee within 30 days after the employee’s hire and must certify each trainee’s completion of the program no later than Mar. 31 each year, beginning Mar. 31, 2021.\(^ {436}\) A failure to comply with this ordinance is subject to a fine of $100, with subsequent violations punishable by a fine up to $500.\(^ {437}\)
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Signage Law
The City of San Antonio does not currently have an ordinance concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

Training Law
The City of San Antonio does not currently have an ordinance that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, on the City of San Antonio’s website, there are videos in several languages (French, Arabic, Tagalong-Filipino, Spanish, Russian, and German) describing the dangers of human trafficking. The website provides an e-mail address and two telephone numbers for the San Antonio Police Department to report human trafficking.

Criminal Liability
San Antonio does not currently have an ordinance concerning the criminal liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs. However, there is a special Human Trafficking Task Force in the District Attorney’s Office, tasked with fighting human trafficking.

Civil Liability
San Antonio does not currently have an ordinance concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.

UTAH

Signage Law
Utah does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

Training Law
Utah does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.

Criminal Liability
Under Utah law, an actor who harbors a victim of human trafficking through the use of force, fraud, or coercion can be held criminally liable. A violation of this criminal provision is a felony and carries a $20,000 fine for corporations.

The definition of an actor for the purpose of the application of this statute includes public and private corporations, partnerships and unincorporated associations and thus may apply to businesses such as lodging facilities.

Civil Liability
Utah civil law provides that a victim of human trafficking may bring a civil action against their trafficker, and the court may award actual damages, compensatory damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief, or any other appropriate relief, including treble damages on proof of actual damages if the court finds that the trafficker’s acts were willful and malicious. A civil cause of action can also arise against a person who benefitted from human trafficking. As this law applies to the broadly defined “persons,” in the event that a business such as a lodging facility is found criminally liable, the business could be held civilly liable the same as a natural person.
VERMONT

Signage Law
Vermont Department of Labor must make available a notice offering help to victims of human trafficking on its website and the notice may be posted in workplaces in accordance with the following:\textsuperscript{1446}
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  \item The notice can be posted in a prominent and accessible location;
  \item The notice shall be made available in English, Spanish, and, if requested by an employer, another language;\textsuperscript{1447}
  \item The notice will provide contact information for at least one local law enforcement agency and include the following text:\textsuperscript{1448}
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If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave – whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, or any other activity – call the toll-free National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 to access help and services. The toll-free hotline is:
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  \item Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
  \item Operated by a nonprofit, non-governmental organization
  \item Anonymous and confidential
  \item Accessible in 170 languages
  \item Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information.
\end{itemize}

Training Law
Vermont does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, Vermont law requires the Vermont Department of Labor to develop and implement an education plan to raise awareness among Vermont employers about the problem of human trafficking, the related hotline and resources available to employers, employees, and potential victims of human trafficking.\textsuperscript{1449}

Criminal Liability
Vermont law states that human trafficking includes knowingly harboring, transporting, or obtaining a person under the age of 18\textsuperscript{1450} or a person over 18 through force, fraud or coercion, for the purpose of having the person engage in a commercial sex act.\textsuperscript{1451} It also includes knowingly "benefit[ting] financially or by receiving anything of value from participation in a venture, knowing that a person will be subject to labor servitude as part of the venture."\textsuperscript{1452} A violation of this criminal provision may result in a fine of not more than \$500,000.\textsuperscript{1453}

In addition, an individual or corporation can be prosecuted for knowingly permitting a place, structure, or building owned or controlled by it to be used for the purpose of human trafficking.\textsuperscript{1454} A violation of this law may result in a fine of not more than \$100,000.\textsuperscript{1455} If a corporation is convicted of human trafficking, the Attorney General can commence a proceeding to dissolve the entity.\textsuperscript{1456}

Civil Liability
Vermont criminal law provides that a “victim of human trafficking may bring an action against the offender in the Civil Division of the Superior Court for damages, injunctive relief, punitive damages in the case of a willful violation, and reasonable costs and attorney’s fees.”\textsuperscript{1457}
VIRGINIA

Signage Law
Virginia does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

Training Law
Virginia does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, Virginia requires a Sex Trafficking Response Coordinator in the Department of Criminal Justice Services to promote strategies for the education, training, and awareness of sex trafficking.458

Criminal Liability
A person is guilty of commercial sex trafficking if the person solicits, invites, recruits, encourages, or otherwise causes or attempts to cause a person to engage in prostitution with the intent to receive money or to assist another in receiving money from prostitution.459

Civil Liability
Any person injured by the above violation may bring a civil action to recover compensatory damages, punitive damages, and reasonable attorney fees and cost.460
WASHINGTON

Signage Law
Washington does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities. However, Washington law provides that establishments offering public restrooms (which may include certain lodging facilities) may voluntarily post a sign in restrooms used by the public and employees.\textsuperscript{461} The notice may be in multiple languages and include toll-free telephone numbers of organizations providing assistance to victims of human trafficking, including the National Human Trafficking Resource Center and the Washington state office of crime victim advocacy.\textsuperscript{462}

In addition, a proposed bill currently pending in the state legislature would require every operator of a transient accommodation to post in a location conspicuous to employees signage regarding human trafficking awareness, printed in an easily legible font in English and any other language spoken by at least ten percent of the employees.\textsuperscript{463}

Training Law
Washington does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.

However, a proposed bill currently pending in the state legislature would require transient accommodation to provide training regarding human trafficking to each of its employees.\textsuperscript{464} The training required under this proposed bill must include, at a minimum, the following:

- The definition of human trafficking, commercial exploitation of children, and the difference between sex trafficking and labor trafficking;
- Content that is culturally responsive and includes information about implicit cultural bias;
- Guidance specific to the public lodging sector concerning how to identify individuals who may be victims of human trafficking including how implicit bias may interfere with the accurate identification of suspected victims of human trafficking;
- Guidance concerning the role of the employees in appropriately responding to suspected human trafficking, and the potential harms of involving law enforcement without the consent of the suspected victims; and
- The contact information of appropriate agencies, including a national human trafficking hotline telephone number and the telephone numbers of appropriate local law enforcement agencies.\textsuperscript{465}

Moreover, the Washington Hospitality Association is partnering with Businesses Ending Slavery and Trafficking (BEST), a nonprofit organization in the United States dedicated to working with businesses to disrupt human trafficking, to provide free human trafficking training for Washington Hospitality Association members and staff.\textsuperscript{466}
Criminal Liability
Washington law provides that a person is guilty of trafficking (a class A felony) when such person harbors another person knowing, or in reckless disregard of the fact, that force, fraud, or coercion will be used to cause the person to engage in forced labor, involuntary servitude, a sexually explicit act, or a commercial sex act, or benefits financially from participation in a venture that has engaged in such acts. In addition, a “person,” including a corporation, can be prosecuted for financially benefitting or receiving anything of value from participation in a venture that has engaged in human trafficking.

Civil Liability
Washington does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.
WEST VIRGINIA

Signage Law
West Virginia requires hotels to post a notice to assist victims of human trafficking to obtain help and services, in accordance with the following requirements:470
(a) The notice must be printed in English, Spanish, and any other language determined by legislative rule by the Director of the Division of Administrative Services;
(b) The notice must be posted in public restrooms and either near the entrance or another clearly visible location where public notices are posted;471
(c) The Director is required to provide hyperlinks on the Division’s website to downloadable notices that are 8½ x 11 inches in size and provide information regarding the National Human Trafficking Resource Center and display the telephone number for the National Human Trafficking Center hotline.472

The law further provides that any law enforcement officer, representative for the Bureau for Public Health or of a county health department representative of the State Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner, representative of the Division of Labor, or other state representative inspecting a hotel or otherwise acting under state authority may notify any hotel in writing that it failed to comply with this statute. Failing to correct the violation within 30 days of receipt of the written notice constitutes a misdemeanor. First convictions carry a fine of $250, and subsequent convictions carry fines between $250 and $500.473

Training Law
West Virginia does not currently have a law that requires training employees concerning human trafficking in lodging facilities.

Criminal Liability
West Virginia makes it a felony for any person (defined to include a business) to knowingly and willingly traffic (defined to include harboring) (i) an adult, resulting in imprisonment for 3-15 years and/or a fine of up to $200,000, or (ii) a minor, resulting in imprisonment of 5–20 years and/or a fine of up to $300,000.474 Additionally, West Virginia declares all property which is directly or indirectly used or intended for use in any manner to facilitate a violation of Article 14 (Human Trafficking) to be contraband, subject to forfeiture, to which no person shall have a property interest, and any business entity convicted of such violation shall be debarred from state or local government contracts.475

Civil Liability
West Virginia does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.
WISCONSIN

Signage Law
Wisconsin requires its Department of Justice to design a poster, or obtain a predesigned poster, that provides information regarding a human trafficking resource center hotline. The poster shall be in English and Spanish and any other language required under federal law for voting materials in a particular county. The law states that the Department of Justice shall make the poster available to others to print from its website and encourage hotels, among other establishments, to display the poster.476

Compliance with this law is not mandatory and there are no penalties for failing to display the poster.477

Training Law
Wisconsin does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. However, the Wisconsin Department of Justice provides free and voluntary training material.478

Criminal Liability
Wisconsin law defines human trafficking, in part, as harboring or transporting, or attempting to harbor or transport, an individual.479 In addition, a “person” including a corporation, can be prosecuted for benefitting from the human trafficking of an individual if they knew or reasonably should have known that the benefits came from a human trafficking scheme.480 Violation of human trafficking law is a ground for the administrative dissolution of a corporation.481

Civil Liability
Any person who incurs an injury or death by virtue of a violation of the human trafficking criminal law may bring a civil action against the person who committed the violation, including actual damages, punitive damages, and reasonable attorney fees. Wisconsin law defines “person” to include all partnerships, associations, and bodies politic or corporate. Thus, liability could extend to businesses such as lodging facilities.482
WYOMING

**Signage Law**
Wyoming does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

**Training Law**
Wyoming does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.

**Criminal Liability**
Wyoming law makes it a felony for a person (defined to include a partnership, corporation or other association or entity) to harbor an individual for the purpose of forced labor or sexual servitude, punishable by various terms of imprisonment and fines depending on which provision is violated. Additionally, Wyoming law makes subject to forfeiture all buildings knowingly used or intended to be used to further human trafficking if the owner has knowledge of or gives consent to the act of violation.

**Civil Liability**
Wyoming does not currently have a law concerning the civil liability of lodging facilities where human trafficking occurs.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Signage Law**
The District of Columbia does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

**Training Law**
The District of Columbia does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking.

**Criminal Liability**
Yes
The District of Columbia makes it unlawful for a business to harbor a person knowing, or in reckless disregard of the fact, that the coercion will be, or is being, used to cause the person to provide labor or services or engage in a commercial sex act. Similarly, it is unlawful for a business to knowingly or recklessly harbor a person under eighteen years old who will engage in a commercial sex. The District of Columbia also makes it unlawful for a business knowingly to benefit, financially, or to participate, knowingly or recklessly in a venture that violates the human trafficking laws. The penalties for such violations are fines calculated under various formulas set forth in the statute and/or imprisonment for not more than twenty years. In addition to any sentence imposed, the business must forfeit to the District of Columbia any property that was used or intended to be used to commit or facilitate the commission of the violation and any property constituting or derived from any proceeds that the business obtained as a result of the violation.

**Civil Liability**
The District of Columbia does not currently have a law addressing the issue of civil liability concerning human trafficking in lodging facilities. However, an individual who is a victim of human trafficking may bring a civil action for damages (including actual, compensatory, and punitive damages), injunctive relief, and any other appropriate relief.
PUERTO RICO

Signage Law
Puerto Rico does not currently have a law concerning human trafficking awareness signage in lodging facilities.

Training Law
Puerto Rico does not currently have a law that requires training employees of lodging facilities concerning human trafficking. The Department of Education and the Department of the Family are empowered and designated as the government entities in charge of joining efforts to educate, inform, and raise awareness of human trafficking prevention and the effects thereof in Puerto Rico through fairs, workshops, seminars, presentations, and prevention programs.491

Criminal Liability
Puerto Rico criminalizes the promotion or enabling of entry or exit from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico of another person, even with the consent of said, person, for the practice of prostitution.492 The statutory definition of “person” includes “natural and juridical person,” therefore, it would be theoretically possible for a business to be held liable under the statute.493 However, the phrasing of the criminal provision suggests that active participation in the trafficking by a principal of the business, would likely have to be established to assign criminal responsibility.494

Civil Liability
Puerto Rico does not currently have a law addressing the issue of civil liability concerning human trafficking in lodging facilities.

GUAM

Signage Law
The government of Guam is statutorily tasked with creating a public awareness program, including posters containing information for victims, that corporations can access and utilize voluntarily.495 The law does not specify the specifications of the postings.

Training Law
As explained above, the government of Guam is tasked with creating a public awareness campaign, including methods for reporting suspected recruitment activities.496 These resources are available for individuals and corporations to access on a voluntary basis.

Criminal Liability
Guam criminal law defines trafficking in persons as including, in part, harboring or transporting another person knowing that the person will be subject to sexual servitude.497 In addition, a person or corporation can be prosecuted for trafficking in persons by benefiting financially or by receiving anything of value from participation in a trafficking venture.498

The Guam Human Trafficking provision explicitly provides that a business entity can be held criminally liable for aiding or participating in a trafficking venture.499 As a penalty, the court can order the business’s dissolution or reorganization, the suspension or revocation of any license or permit, or the suspension of the charter.500

Civil Liability
An individual who is a victim of trafficking may bring a civil action against those who engaged in the scheme for actual damages, compensatory damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief, and any other appropriate relief.501
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1 Businesses can be declared a nuisance for “advancing” prostitution, defined in part as “knowingly causes or aids a person to commit or engage in prostitution,” or for “profiting from” prostitution, defined in part as “receiv[ing] or accept[ing] money or other thing of value pursuant to a prior agreement with any person whereby he or she participates or is to participate in the proceeds of prostitution activity.” ALA. CODE § 13-A-12-110—22.

2 Id. § 13A-6-170(a).

3 ALA. CODE § 13A-6-170(a).

4 Id. Posters are available here: https://labor.alabama.gov/docs/doc_type.aspx?id=2

5 Id.

6 ALA. CODE § 13A-6-170(f). In March 2020, a Bill was introduced into the Alabama House of Representatives to increase the penalty for a subsequent violation to $250. This amendment was referred to the House Judiciary Committee on March 10, 2020. See 2020 AL H.B. 422.

7 “Person” means “a human being, and where appropriate, a public or private corporation, an unincorporated association, a partnership, a government, or a governmental instrumentality.” ALA. CODE § 13A-1-2(11).

8 Id. § 13A-6-152.

9 Id. § 13A-6-153.

10 Id. § 13A-5-11.

11 Id. § 13A-6-156.

12 Id. § 13A-6-157.1.

13 Id. § 13A-6-157.1. In March 2020, a Bill was introduced into the Alabama House of Representatives that would allow a court to appoint a master or receiver to seize the assets of a legal entity pending the outcome of a civil action brought by the Attorney General under certain specific conditions. This amendment was referred to the House Judiciary Committee on March 10, 2020. See 2020 AL H.B. 422.

14 ALA. CODE § 13A-6-157

15 See E.H. v. Overlook Mountain Lodge, 638 So. 2d 781, 784 (Ala. 1994).

16 “Person” includes a corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, organization, business trust, or society, as well as a natural person. ALASKA STAT. § 01.10.060(8).

17 Id. § 11.41.365. A person commits the crime of human trafficking in the first degree if the person compels or induces another person to engage in sexual conduct, adult entertainment, or labor in the state by force or threat of force against any person, or by deception. Id. § 11.41.360.

18 Id. § 12.55.035.

19 ALASKA STAT. § 11.66.130.

20 See 2019 AK S.B. 165. / 2019 AK H.B. 225. The Proposed legislation was submitted to both the House and the Senate at the Request of the Governor. The bill was referred to the Senate State Affairs Committee on January 27, 2020 and was held in committee on March 3, 2020; the house bill was referred to the State Affairs Committee and held in committee on February 2, 2020.

21 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA CODE OF ORDINANCES § 16.90.050 (Posting anti-human trafficking information).

22 Id. §14.60.030.
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23 “Person” means a human being and, as the context requires, an enterprise, a public or private corporation, an unincorporated association, a partnership, a firm, a society, a government, a governmental authority or an individual or entity capable of holding a legal or beneficial interest in property. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-105(30).

24 Id. §§ 13-1306 (unlawfully obtaining labor or services); 13-1307 (sex trafficking); 13-1308 (trafficking of persons for forced labor or services); 13-3212 (child sex trafficking).

25 Id. § 13-803 (fines against enterprises).

26 Id. § 13-823 (dangerous and repeat enterprise offenders).

27 Id. § 13-822(A) (effective programs to prevent and detect violations of law)

28 Id. § 13-822(B) (effective programs to prevent and detect violations of law).


30 About Us, SAFE ACTION PROJECT, https://safeactionproject.org/about/.

31 https://www.sacasa.org/resources/human-trafficking/


33 Id. § 12-19-102(a).

34 Id. § 12-19-102(b)(2).

35 Id. § 12-19-102(b)(1).

36 Id. § 12-19-102(c-d).

37 Id. § 12-19-102(e-f).

38 Id. § 5-1-102(13) (defining “person” as including an “organization,” when appropriate); id. § 5-2-501 (defining an “organization” as a “corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, or joint-stock company” or “[a]ny other group of persons organized for any purpose.”)

39 Id. § 5-18-103.

40 Id. § 5-18-103(a). This list is non-exhaustive; please see the statute for a comprehensive list of the ways by which a person or organization might engage in human trafficking.

41 Id. § 5-18-103(c)(l); id. § 5-4-201(a)(l).

42 Id. § 5-18-103(c)(2); id. § 5-4-201(a)(3).

43 Id. § 5-18-105.

44 As defined in § 24045.12(b) of the Business and Professional Code, not including personal residences.

45 Id. § 52.6(c).

46 CAL. CIV. CODE § 52.6.

47 Id. § 52.6(b).

48 Id.

49 Id. § 52.6(e).

50 Id. § 52.6(f).

51 CAL. PENAL CODE §§ 236.3; 11225(b).

52 Id. § 236.7.

53 Designated authorities include the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Lancaster Station, and the Lancaster Public Safety Department.
LANCASTER, CA. ORDINANCES § 9.50.040. The ordinance provides that indicators of human trafficking may include (i) attempting to rent a room for less than twelve (12) hours, or leaving after only a few hours; (ii) paying with cash to avoid a paper trail; (iii) attempting to rent a room without presenting valid identification; (iv) reserving multiple rooms at once; (v) reserving a room for extended periods of time, but bringing few or no possessions; (vi) a guest who appears malnourished or physically abused; (vii) a guest who is dressed inappropriately for his/her age; and (viii); frequent guests coming and going.

Id. § 9.50.030.

Id. § 9.50.050.

Id. § 9.50.060.

Id. §§ 1.12.020; 9.50.070; 9.50.030.

LONG BEACH, CA. ORDINANCES §5.57.30.

Id. § 5.57.30.

https://hotelassociationla.com/human-trafficking-training/


COLO. REV. STAT. §§ 18-3-505(1)(a), (4)(e).

Id. § 18-3-505(6).

Id.

Id. § 2-4-401(8).

Id. § 18-3-504(1)(a).

Id. §§ 18-3-504(1)(b), (2)(b); id. § 18-1.3-401 (detailing penalties for felonies).

Id. § 13-21-127(a).

Id. § 13-21-127(b).

CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 54-222; 54-234(a).

Id. § 54-222(a).

Id.

Id. § 54-234a(c).

Id. §44-5.

Id. § 17a-106g.

Id. § 44-5.

Id.

Id. § 53a-192a. A bill proposed in 2020 would repeal this section of the statute and replace it with a new statute that adds “knowingly” to the definition of sex trafficking. See 2020 CT H.B. 5502.

Id. § 53a-192a(b).

Id. § 53a-41 (Fines for felonies).

Id. § 52-571i

These locations include: adult entertainment facilities, entities found to be maintaining a criminal nuisance involving prostitution, job recruitment centers, hospitals, and emergency care providers. For the statutory definition of a criminal nuisance, see id. § 7104.

11 DEL. LAWS § 787(k). The downloadable poster and other resources are available at https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/admin/humantrafinteragcouncil.html.
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86 Id. § 787(l)(3).
87 Id. § 787(b). This list is non-exhaustive; please see the statute for a comprehensive list of the ways by which a person or organization might engage in human trafficking.
88 Id. § 281 (Criminal liability of organizations).
89 Id. § 787(c).
90 Id. § 787(i).
91 Id. §§ 787(c)(1), 281. The statute specifies that a victim may bring civil action against a “person.”
92 Del. Code, however, defines “person” to include (among other things) corporations, companies, and partnerships, where “appropriate.”1 Id. § 222.
93 Id. § 787(i)(1).
94 Id. § 787(i)(2).
95 FLA. STAT. § 509.096(1)(c).
96 Id.
97 Id. § 509.096(3).
98 Id. § 509.096(1)(a).
99 Id.
100 Id.
101 Id. § 509.096(1)(b).
102 Id. § 509.096(2).
103 Id. § 509.096(3).
104 Id. § 787.06(2)(d).
105 Id. § 787.06(3). Though this statute states that a “person” may be liable for this conduct, Florida’s definition of “person” includes firms, associations, corporations, and “all other groups or combinations.” Id. §1.01(3).
106 Id. § 787.06(3).
107 Id. § 775.083(1)(b).
108 Id. § 787.06(7).
109 FLA. STAT. §772.104 (requiring proof by clear and convincing evidence).
110 JACKSONVILLE, FL. ORDINANCES tit. VI, ch. 250, § 250.125.
111 Id.
112 Id.
113 § 509.096.Id.
114 Id.
115 Id.
116 Defined as a hotel, motel, non-transient apartment, transient apartment, bed and breakfast inn, timeshare project, or vacation rental. MIAMI BEACH, FL. ORDINANCES § 18-3(1)(b).
117 Id.
118 Id. § 18-3(1).
119 Id. § 18-3(3).
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120 Defined as a hotel, motel, non-transient apartment, transient apartment, bed and breakfast inn, timeshare project, or vacation rental. MIAMI LAKES, FL. ORDINANCES § 13-799.8(1).
121 Id.
122 Id. § 13-799.8(2).
123 Id. § 13-799.8(4).
124 GA. CODE ANN. § 16-5-47.
125 GA. CODE ANN. § 16-5-47(b).
126 GA. CODE ANN. § 16-5-47(c).
127 GA. CODE ANN. § 16-5-47(c).
129 GA. CODE ANN. § 16-5-47(d)(1).
130 This Commission was created to specifically combat the threat of human trafficking in Georgia. The training materials are available at https://gov.georgia.gov/first-lady/grace-commission.
131 GA. CODE ANN. § 16-5-46(c)(2).
132 GA. CODE ANN. § 1-3-3(14).
133 GA. CODE ANN. § 16-5-46(c)(3).
134 GA. CODE ANN. § 16-5-46(j).
135 GA. CODE ANN. § 16-5-46(f).
136 FULTON COUNTY, GA. ORDINANCES § 46-32.
137 Id.
138 Id.
139 HAPEVILLE, GEORGIA ORDINANCES § 26-2-41.
140 HAW. REV. STAT. §§ 371-20(b); 281-31 (defining employers that need a liquor or cabaret license)
141 HAW. REV. STAT. § 371-20(e)
142 H.R. 2429, 30th Leg. (Haw. 2020). The bill was introduced to Hawaii’s House of Representatives in January 2020 and was referred to the Committee on Tourism and International Affairs and the Committee on Labor and Public Employment. In February 2020, the Committees recommended deferring the measure. For more information on the text and status of the bill, please see www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=2429&year=2020.
143 H.R. 2429, 30th Leg. (Haw. 2020).
144 H.R. 2429, 30th Leg. (Haw. 2020).
145 HAW. REV. STAT. § 712-1202(1)(b).
146 HAW. REV. STAT. § 712-1201(1) (defining “advances prostitution”).
147 HAW. REV. STAT. § 712-1202(2).
148 HAW. REV. STAT. § 701-118 (defining “person” as including a corporation); HAW. REV. STAT. § 706-640 (authorizing fines for class A felonies).
149 IDAHO CODE § 18-8602(1)(a)(ii).
150 IDAHO CODE § 18-101(7) (defining “person” as including corporations); IDAHO CODE § 18-112A (outlining authorized fines for felonies).
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151 775 ILL. COMP. STAT. 50/5(c).
152 775 ILL. COMP. STAT. 50/10.
153 775 ILL. COMP. STAT. 50/10.
154 775 ILL. COMP. STAT. 50/15. Model notices are accessible at https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=82023.
155 775 ILL. COMP. STAT. 50/20(a).
156 820 ILL. COMP. STAT. 95/10.
157 820 ILL. COMP. STAT. 95/10.
158 820 ILL. COMP. STAT. 95/10.
159 820 ILL. COMP. STAT. 95/15(a).
160 820 ILL. COMP. STAT. 95/15(b). For Illinois’ Department of Human Services training program, please refer to its website at https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=124138.
161 820 ILL. COMP. STAT. 95/15(b).
162 720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/11-14.3 (establishing penalties for promoting prostitution or trafficking); 820 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/11-0.1 (defining “advance prostitution”).
163 720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/11-0.1.
164 740 ILL. COMP. STAT. 128/15.
165 740 ILL. COMP. STAT. 128/15(c).
166 https://www.cookcountytaskforce.org/task-force-outreach-materials
168 IOWA CODE § 710A.6.
169 Id. § 80.45A(2).
170 H.F. 2259 § 80.45A.3.
171 Id. § 80.45A(4).
172 Id. § 80.45A(5)(c).
173 Id. § 703.5(1) (defining “person” as including a corporation).
174 Id. § 710A.1(4)(a).
175 Id. § 710A.2(1).
176 Id. § 710A.2(7).
177 Id. § 902.9(1)(e).
178 Id. § 902.9(1)(d).
179 See KAN. STAT. ANN. §75-759 (mandating the notices be posted in sexually oriented businesses, massage parlors, health care facilities, convenience stores and truck stops, and rest areas and visitors centers under state supervision or control). The sign is accessible at https://ag.ks.gov/docs/default-source/publications/human-trafficking-poster.pdf?sfvrsn=5161c61a_6.
181 Id. § 21-5111(t) (defining “person” for statutory purposes as including corporations).
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182 Id. § 21-5426(a)(2).
183 Id. § 21-5426(b)(4).
184 Id. §21-5426(c)(1-4); 21-6611(a)(2)(authorizing fines for felonies).
185 Id. § 21-6422(a)(2).
186 Id. § 60-5003(a).
187 The trainings are available at “See Something – Say Something – Save a Life!”
188 KY. REV. STAT. ANN. § 500.080(12) (defining “person” as including corporations).
189 Id. § 529.110(1)(a).
190 Id. § 502.050(1) (Corporate liability).
191 Id. § 534.050 (Fines against Corporations).
192 Id. § 431.082(1)-(4).
193 “Hotel” is defined in the statute as “any establishment, both public and private, engaged in the
business of furnishing or providing rooms and overnight camping facilities intended or designed for
dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes to transient guess and does not encompass any hospital,
convalescent or nursing home or sanitarium, or any hotel-like facility operated by or in connection
with a hospital or medical clinic providing rooms exclusively for patients and their family.” The term
“hotel” does not include bed and breakfasts or camp and retreat facilities owned and operated by
194 Id. § 15:541.1(B)(1)-(2).
195 Id. § 15:541.1(B)(1)(a)
196 Id. § 15:541.1(D)(1-3).
197 Id. § 26.96(A).
198 Id. § 46:2161(A)(4).
199 Id. § 14:46:2.A.(1)(a).
200 Id. § 14:46:2.A.(2)-(3).
201 Id. § 14:2(A)(7).
202 Id. § 15:539.1(A).
203 Id.§14:46:2(B)(4)(a).
204 Id. § 46:2163.
205 http://www.nolatrafficking.org/research and http://www.nolatrafficking.org/training
206 The law is only applicable to lodging places that are licensed under title 22, section 562 of the Maine
Revised Statutes. ME. STAT. tit. 26 § 879 (3)(D).
207 ME. STAT. tit. 26 § 879.
208 Id. § 879 3(D).
209 ME. STAT. tit. 17-A §§ 851; 853.
210 Id. § 60.
211 ME. STAT. tit. 5 § 4701(2).
212 Id. § 4701(4).
213 ME. STAT. tit. 15 § 5821.
214 MD. CODE BUS. REG. § 15-207.
215 Id. § 15-201.
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216 Id.
217 Id. §15-207.
218 MD. CODE TRANSP. § 16-807.2.
219 MD. CODE CRIM. LAW § 1-101(h)(defining “person” in criminal statutes as including corporations).
220 Id. § 3-1102(a)(1)(ii).
221 Id. § 3-1102(e).
222 Id. § 11-307.
223 MD. CODE CRIM. PROC. § 13-502(3).
224 Id. § 3-1102(c)(1)-(2).
225 Id. § 3-1102(e)(1)-(2).
226 Id. § 42-2(b)(2)
227 BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE CITY CODE art. 15, § 42-2.
228 Id. § 42-2(d)
229 Id. § 42-8.
230 Id. § 10-6(a).
231 Id. § 10-6(c). Training for the hospitality industry is available at https://health.baltimorecity.gov/prevent-human-trafficking-hospitality-industry.
232 Id. § 10-9.
233 PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, MD. ORDINANCES § 5-171.01.
234 Id. § 5-171.01(d).
235 Id. § 5-172(a).
236 Id. § 14-191(a)(5).
237 Id. §14-193(b).
238 Id.
239 Human Trafficking Division Resources available at https://www.mass.gov/service-details/human-trafficking-division-resources. A proposed bill currently pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee would require businesses, including hotels, determined to be a public nuisances to post the notice.
242 Id.
243 MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 265 § 50.
244 Id. § 56(a)(iv).
245 Id. § 50(c).
246 Id. §50(d).
247 MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 260 § 4D(a).
248 Id. § 752.1035.
249 Id.
250 Id. § 752.1039.
251 www.michigan.gov/lara
252 www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-359-82917_81399---,00.html
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253 Id. §§ 750.462b; 750.462e (sexual trafficking of minors).
254 Id. § 750.159f (defining “person” has including corporations).
255 Id. § 750.462d(b).
256 Id. § 752.983.
257 MINN. STAT. § 157.177(2)(d).
258 Id. § 157.177(5). Request for the training materials can be made here:
https://www.health.state.mn.us/hoteltrafficking.
259 Id. § 157.177 (e).
260 Id. at Subd. 4.
261 Id. § 609.284 (stating that corporations can be held liable for labor or sex trafficking crimes).
262 Id. § 609.322(1)(o)(3).
263 Id.
264 Id. § 609.284(3) (outlining potential remedies in the event of corporate liability).
265 Id. § 157.177(4).
266 ALBERT LEA, MINN. ORDINANCES art. 3 § 22-69 (Dec. 19, 2019).
267 Id. § 22-70.
268 MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. ORDINANCES tit. 13, ch. 297, §§ 297.100; -110.
269 MISS. CODE ANN. § 97-3-54.1(1)(a)-(c).
270 Id.
271 Id. § 97-3-54.1(3).
272 Id.
273 Id.
274 Id.
275 Id. § 97-3-54.1(4).
276 MO. REV. STAT. § 595.120. A copy of the poster can be found at http://dps.mo.gov/human-trafficking/pdf/stop-human-trafficking-poster.pdf
277 Id.
278 Id.
279 Resources available at https://ago.mo.gov/home/human-trafficking/resources/anti-trafficking-organizations-and-resources
280 Id. §§ 566.209(1) (Trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation); 566.210(1) (Sexual trafficking of a child).
281 Id.
282 MONT. CODE ANN. § 44-4-1501.
283 Id. § 44-4-1501(2)(b).
284 Id. § 60-2-244.
285 The training resources are available at https://dojmt.gov/agooffice/human-trafficking/#:"text=Attorney%20General%20Tim%20Fox%2C%20in%20targets%20the%20customers%20of%20child
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287 MONT. CODE ANN. § 45-5-702(1)(a).
288 Id. § 1-1-201(1)(b) (defining “person” as including corporations and other business entities).
289 Id. § 45-5-702(1)(b).
290 Id. § 45-5-707.
291 Id. § 45-5-702(2)(a).
292 Id. § 27-1-755.
293 Id.
294 Id.
295 Id. § 81-1430.
296 The training resources are available at https://ago.nebraska.gov/identifying-trafficking-0
297 NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 28-830(11); 28-830(12) (Human Trafficking of a Minor).
298 Id. § 28-807(12) (defining “person” as including, in part, a corporation, partnership, limited liability
   company, association, or any other legal entity.)
299 Id. § 28-831(3).
300 Id. § 25-21299.
301 Resources are available at http://ag.nv.gov/Human_Trafficking/HT_Home/
302 NEV. REV. STAT. §§ 201.300(1)(Pandering and Sex Trafficking of a Child); 201.300(2)
   (Pandering and Sex Trafficking).
303 Id. §§ 49.25425; 200.463.
304 Id. § 193.0205.
305 Id. § 201.300(a)(5).
306 Id. § 201.300(b).
307 Id. § 41.1399.
308 Training resources are available at https://www.nhhumantraffickingtaskforce.com/training
309 N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 633.7.
310 Id. § 625:11.
311 Id. § 651:2(IV)(a), (b).
312 Id. § 633:8.
313 Id. § 633:11.
314 N.J. STAT. ANN § 5:10-29.1. A copy of the poster is available at https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/
   resources/humantrafficking.html
317 2020 NJ S.B. 280 (NS). A PDF version of this bill may be found here: https://www.njleg.state.
   nj.us/2020/Bills/S0500/280_I1.PDF.
318 N.J. STAT. ANN § 2C:13-12.
319 Id.
320 Id. § 5:10-29.1.
322 The video is available in English and Spanish at http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/resources/
   humantrafficking.html
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323 Id.
325 Id. § 2C:13-9(a)(1).
326 Id.
327 2020 N.J. A.B. 3778. The bill was referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee in February 2020. A PDF version of this bill may be found here: https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/A4000/3778_I1.PDF.
329 2020 N.J. S.B. 982. The bill was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee on January 30, 2020. A PDF version of this bill may be found here: https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/S1000/982_I1.PDF.
330 N.M. STAT. ANN. § 30-52-2.1. Lodging facilities appear to generally be covered by the Minimum Wage Act. See id. § 50-4-21 (defining "employer" as “any individual, partnership, association, corporation, business trust, legal representative or any organized group of persons employing one or more employees are any one time, acting directly or indirectly in the interest of an employer in relation to an employee...").
331 Id. Versions in English, Spanish, and Navajo are available at https://www.dws.state.nm.us/Business/Publications/State-and-Federal-Posters.
332 Id. § 30-52-1(A)(2).
333 Id. § 30-52-1(A)(1).
334 Id. § 30-1-12(E) (defining “person” as including a legal entity, whether incorporated or unincorporated.)
335 Id. § 30-52-1(A)(3).
336 Id. § 31-18-15 (Sentencing for Felonies). A proposed bill currently pending in the state legislature would increase the penalties for human trafficking to a second degree felony or, if the victim is under 18, to a first degree felony; see N.M. House Bill 237 at https://legiscan.com/NM/text/HB237/id/2110322.
337 Id. § 30-52-11.
338 PUEBLO OF LAGUANA, N.M. ORDINANCES § 15-7-11(A)(1). (2011)
339 Id. § 15-7-11(A)(2).
340 Id. § 15-7-11(B)(1)-(2).
341 N.Y. GEN. BUS. LAW § 206-f. The statute defines a lodging facility as “any inn, hotel, motel, motor court or other establishment that provides lodging to transient guests” but excludes bed and breakfasts. Information cards and notices provided by the OTDA are available at http://otda.ny.gov/programs/bria/trafficking.asp.
342 However, there have been efforts in the New York state legislature to require training programs in hotels with five or more rooms; see, e.g. https://apnews.com/84db6eabd4184917a5091dcd3cf15238.
343 N.Y. PENAL LAW § 230.34.
344 Id.
345 Id. § 230.34-A(1).
346 Id.
347 Id. at (2)(b).
348 Id.
349 Id. § 230.36.
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350 *Id.* § 230.40.
351 *N.Y. SOC. SERV. LAW* § 483-bb(c).
353 *Id.* § 18B-104.
354 Training resources available at https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/otip/north_carolina_profile_efforts_to_combat_human_trafficking.pdf. There is also a partnership between the North Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association (NCRLA) and a nonprofit, Businesses Ending Slavery & Trafficking (BEST) that provides free human trafficking training for NCRLA hotel members and employees: https://www.ncrla.org/2019/free-human-trafficking-prevention-training-for-nc-hotelmembers/.
355 *N.C. GEN. STAT.* § 14-43.11(a).
356 *Id.* § 14-43.11(b).
357 2019 N.C. H.B. 342 (NS). The bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary in March 2019.
358 *N.C. GEN. STAT.* § 14-43.18(a).
359 *Id.* § 14-43.18(b).
360 *Id.*
361 *N.D. CENT. CODE* § 54-12-33.1(4).
362 *Id.*
363 *Id.* § 54-12-33.1(2).
364 *Id.* § 54-12-33.1(3).
365 *Id.* § 12.1-41-02(1).
366 *Id.* § 12.1-41-07.
367 *Id.* § 12.1-41-15.
368 *Id.* § 54-12-33.1(5).
369 *OHIO REV. CODE ANN.* § 5502.63. Posters in English, Spanish, Arabic, French, and Mandarin are available at https://humantrafficking.ohio.gov/campaign.html; *Id.* § 5502.63(B)(2) suggests a list of establishments; a detailed definition of “hotel” is set forth in ORC Ann. § 3731.01.
370 *Id.* § 5502.63(B)(1)
371 Training resources are available at https://humantrafficking.ohio.gov/
372 *OHIO REV. CODE ANN.* § 2905.32.
373 *Id.* § 2307.51.
374 *OKLA. STAT.* tit. 21, § 748(6)(b) (Human Trafficking of a Minor).
375 *Id.* § 748(6)(a).
376 *Id.* § 105 (defining “person” as including corporation).
377 *Id.* § 748(6)(c).
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379 *Id.* § 870(A)(2).
380 *Id.* § 870(B).
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382 *OR. REV. STAT.* § 163.266.
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384 Id. § 30.867.
385 Id.
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410 Resources are available at http://humantrafficking.scag.gov/resources/
411 Id. § 16-3-2020(A)(1)-(3).
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415 S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 22-49-1.
416 Id.
417 Id. § 22-1-2(31) (defining “person” as “any natural person, unborn child, association, limited liability company, corporation, firm, organization, partnership, or society.”)
418 Id. § 20-9-46.
420 Id.
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421 Id.
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423 Id. § 39-13-311.
424 Id. § 40-35-111(c)(1).
425 Id. § 39-13-314(b).
426 Id.
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428 https://gov.texas.gov/organization/women/preventing-human-trafficking
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430 TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. § 20A.02.
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433 Id. § 98.0025.
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435 Id. § 28-212.
436 Id.
437 Id. § 28-215(b).
438 See https://www.sanantonio.gov/SAPD/Human-Trafficking
439 See https://www.bexar.org/3130/Special-Initiatives
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441 Id. §§ 76-3-302, 76-5-309.
442 Id. §§ 76-1-601(2) (defining “actor” as “a person whose criminal responsibility is in issue in a criminal action”), 76-1-601(11).
443 Id. § 77-38-15.
444 Id.
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446 VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 13, § 2661.
447 Id.
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449 Id. § 2661(d).
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457 Id. § 2662.
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468 Id. § 7.96.020.
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Protecting every child’s human right to grow up free from the threat of sexual exploitation and trafficking.