

Introduced by Senator SteinbergFebruary 22, 2012

An act to add Section 52.6 to the Civil Code, relating to human trafficking.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1193, as introduced, Steinberg. Human trafficking: public posting requirements.

Existing law authorizes a victim of human trafficking, as defined, to bring a civil action for actual damages, compensatory damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief, any combination of those, or any other appropriate relief within 5 years of the date on which the trafficking victim was freed from the trafficking situation, or if the victim was a minor when the act of human trafficking against the victim occurred, within 8 years after the date the plaintiff attains the age of majority.

This bill would require specified businesses and other establishments to post a notice that is at least 8½ inches by 11 inches in size that contains information related to slavery and human trafficking, including information related to 2 nonprofit organizations that provide services in support of the elimination of slavery and human trafficking. The bill would require the establishments to post the notice in a conspicuous place near the entrance of the establishment or in a location where similar notices are customarily posted. The bill also would require the establishments to print the notice in English, Spanish, and in any other language that is the most widely spoken language in the county where the establishment is located and for which translation is mandated by the federal Voting Rights Act.

To the extent that the bill would impose additional duties on local government agencies, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 52.6 is added to the Civil Code, to read:
 2 52.6. (a) Each of the following businesses and other
 3 establishments shall post a notice as described in subdivision (b)
 4 in a conspicuous place near the public entrance of the establishment
 5 or in a location where similar notices are customarily posted:
 6 (1) Off-sale general licensees under the Alcoholic Beverage
 7 Control Act (Division 9 (commencing with Section 23000) of the
 8 Business and Professions Code).
 9 (2) Adult or sexually oriented businesses.
 10 (3) Airports.
 11 (4) Intercity passenger rail or light rail stations.
 12 (5) Bus stations.
 13 (6) Highway truck stops.
 14 (7) Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals.
 15 (8) Urgent care centers.
 16 (9) Farm labor contractors.
 17 (10) Privately operated job recruitment centers.
 18 (b) The notice to be posted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be
 19 at least eight and one-half inches by 11 inches in size and shall
 20 state the following:
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 22 “If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and
 23 cannot leave—whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work,
 24 construction, factory, retail, or restaurant work, or any other activity—call the
 25 National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888 or the
 26 California Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) at
 27 1-888-KEY-2-FRE(EDOM) or 1-888-539-2373 to access help and services.
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1 Victims of slavery and human trafficking are protected under United States
2 and California law.

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4 The hotlines are:

5 · Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

6 · Toll-free.

7 · Operated by nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations.

8 · Anonymous and confidential.

9 · Accessible in more than 160 languages.

10 · Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general information.”

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12 (c) The notice to be posted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be
13 printed in English, Spanish, and in any other language that is the
14 most widely spoken language in the county where the establishment
15 is located and for which translation is mandated by the federal
16 Voting Rights Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1973 et seq.).

17 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
18 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
19 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
20 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
21 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.