
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1117 (File 601, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO PREVENT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND EXPANDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS COUNCIL.

SUMMARY

This bill expands protections for victims of human trafficking.

It prohibits hotel, motel, or similar lodging operators (“operators”) that offer or provide a room with sleeping accommodations from offering or providing a financial discount or benefit that is based on (1) an hourly rate or (2) an occupancy period that is for 12 hours or less.

The bill also increases the Trafficking in Persons Council’s membership from 35 to 36 by adding the Department of Developmental Services commissioner, or the commissioner’s designee. By law, among other things, the council coordinates human trafficking data collection and consults with government and non-government organizations in developing recommendations to strengthen state and local efforts to prevent trafficking, protect and assist victims, and prosecute traffickers.

The bill also makes conforming changes.

*Senate Amendment “A” (1) prohibits operators from offering or providing discounts or benefits based on hourly rates or certain occupancy periods, rather than prohibiting them from offering hourly rates, as under the underlying bill, and (2) eliminates a provision that would have required operators to confirm a prospective guest’s identification.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023, except the provision expanding the Trafficking in Persons Council is effective July 1, 2023.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 37 Nay 0 (03/30/2023)