



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 601**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1117

*Senate, April 17, 2023*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. WINFIELD of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) No operator of a hotel,  
2 motel or similar lodging may offer an hourly rate for any sleeping  
3 accommodation maintained by such hotel, motel or similar lodging.

4 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) No operator of a hotel, motel  
5 or similar lodging shall provide use of any sleeping accommodation  
6 maintained by such hotel, motel or similar lodging to any person  
7 without first establishing the person's identity by requiring such person  
8 to present the person's motor vehicle operator's license, or any other  
9 valid form of identification issued by the federal government or a state  
10 or municipal government or an official passport, provided such form of  
11 identification includes a photograph.

12 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 46a-170 of the general statutes is

13 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
14 *2023*):

15 (b) The council shall consist of the following members: (1) The Chief  
16 State's Attorney, or a designee; (2) the Chief Public Defender, or a  
17 designee; (3) the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public  
18 Protection, or the commissioner's designee; (4) the Labor Commissioner,  
19 or the commissioner's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Social Services,  
20 or the commissioner's designee; (6) the Commissioner of Public Health,  
21 or the commissioner's designee; (7) the Commissioner of Mental Health  
22 and Addiction Services, or the commissioner's designee; (8) the  
23 Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's  
24 designee; (9) the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the  
25 commissioner's designee; (10) the Commissioner of Developmental  
26 Services, or the commissioner's designee; (11) the director of the Basic  
27 Training Division of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council,  
28 or the director's designee; [(11)] (12) the Child Advocate, or the Child  
29 Advocate's designee; [(12)] (13) the Victim Advocate, or the Victim  
30 Advocate's designee; [(13)] (14) a chairperson of the Commission on  
31 Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, or the  
32 chairperson's designee; [(14)] (15) one representative of the Office of  
33 Victim Services of the Judicial Branch appointed by the Chief Court  
34 Administrator; [(15)] (16) a municipal police chief appointed by the  
35 Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, or a designee; [(16)] (17) the  
36 Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee; [(17)] (18)  
37 an adult victim of trafficking, appointed by the Governor; [(18)] (19) a  
38 judge of the Superior Court, appointed by the Chief Court  
39 Administrator; [(19)] (20) a state's attorney appointed by the Chief  
40 State's Attorney; [(20)] (21) a public defender appointed by the Chief  
41 Public Defender; and [(21)] (22) fifteen public members appointed as  
42 follows: The Governor shall appoint three members, one of whom shall  
43 represent victims of commercial exploitation of children, one of whom  
44 shall represent sex trafficking victims who are children and one of  
45 whom shall represent a coalition of children's advocacy centers and  
46 multidisciplinary teams that are dedicated to serving child abuse  
47 victims and their families, the president pro tempore of the Senate shall

48 appoint two members, one of whom shall represent the Connecticut  
 49 Alliance to End Sexual Violence and one of whom shall represent an  
 50 organization that provides civil legal services to low-income  
 51 individuals, the speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint  
 52 two members, one of whom shall represent the Connecticut Coalition  
 53 Against Domestic Violence and one of whom shall represent the  
 54 Connecticut Lodging Association, the majority leader of the Senate shall  
 55 appoint two members, one of whom shall represent an organization that  
 56 deals with behavioral health needs of women and children and one of  
 57 whom shall represent the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness,  
 58 the majority leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint two  
 59 members, one of whom shall represent an organization that advocates  
 60 on social justice and human rights issues and one of whom shall  
 61 represent the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, the  
 62 minority leader of the Senate shall appoint two members, one of whom  
 63 shall represent the Connecticut Immigrant and Refugee Coalition and  
 64 one of whom shall represent massage therapists, and the minority  
 65 leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members, one  
 66 of whom shall represent the Motor Transport Association of  
 67 Connecticut, Inc. and one of whom shall represent an organization that  
 68 works with adult victims of trafficking.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	46a-170(b)

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill, which prohibits hourly lodging and requires certain identification for lodging, has no fiscal impact since there is no fine for any violations tied to these provisions.

Additionally, the bill increases the membership on the Trafficking in Persons Council's membership, from 35 to 36, by adding the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), as of July 1, 2023. There is no fiscal impact to DDS to participate on the Council.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 1117*****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”) from:

1. offering an hourly rate for any sleeping accommodation; and
2. providing use of any sleeping accommodation to anyone without first establishing the person’s identity by requiring them to present a form of identification the bill specifies. (Presumably, this requirement applies to the person under whose name the room is registered.)

Under the bill, the valid forms of identification that the operators must use to confirm identity are the person’s passport, motor vehicle operator’s license, or any other valid government-issued identification that has the person’s photograph.

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 Trafficking in Persons 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.

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)