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LCO No. 1082



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Not later than November
2 15, 2026, and the fifteenth day of each calendar month thereafter, the
3 Commissioner of Revenue Services shall disclose to the Commissioner
4 of Consumer Protection, in a form and manner mutually agreed upon
5 by said commissioners, the name and address of each operator of a
6 hotel, lodging house or bed and breakfast establishment who remitted
7 the use tax imposed under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of section
8 12-411 of the general statutes during the most recently completed
9 calendar month.

10 Sec. 2. Section 44-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the
11 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

12 (a) The operator of [each] a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging shall
13 maintain a record-keeping system of all guest transactions and receipts.
14 All records maintained pursuant to this section shall be retained by the
15 operator of [such] the hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging for not less

16 than six months from the date of creation of the record.

17 (b) Any operator of a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging who violates
18 the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to a civil
19 penalty imposed by the Department of Consumer Protection in the
20 amount of five thousand dollars per violation.

21 Sec. 3. Section 44-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the
22 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

23 (a) The operator of [each] a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging shall
24 ensure that each employee of [such] the hotel, motel, inn or similar
25 lodging [receive] receives training at the time of hire on the (1)
26 recognition of potential victims of human trafficking, and (2) activities
27 commonly associated with human trafficking. In addition, such
28 operator shall conduct ongoing awareness campaigns for employees on
29 the activities commonly associated with human trafficking.

30 (b) On or before October [1, 2017, and] first, annually, [thereafter,] the
31 operator of [each] a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging shall certify that
32 each employee of [any such establishment] the hotel, motel, inn or
33 similar lodging has received the training prescribed by subsection (a) of
34 this section in [each] such employee's personnel file.

35 (c) Any operator of a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging who violates
36 the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall be subject to a
37 civil penalty imposed by the Department of Consumer Protection in the
38 amount of five thousand dollars per violation.

39 Sec. 4. Section 44-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the
40 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

41 (a) When offering or providing a room that includes sleeping
42 accommodations, no operator of a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging
43 may offer or provide a financial discount or benefit for such room that
44 is based upon an hourly rate or an occupancy period that is for a term

45 of twelve hours or less.

46 (b) Any operator of a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging who violates
47 the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to a civil
48 penalty imposed by the Department of Consumer Protection in the
49 amount of five thousand dollars per violation.

50 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The Commissioner of
51 Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's authorized agent, shall
52 have the power to examine, copy and audit, as the commissioner or such
53 agent deems necessary and proper, the records maintained by the
54 operator of a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging to ensure that such
55 operator is in compliance with the provisions of sections 44-4 to 44-6,
56 inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and section 54-
57 234a of the general statutes, as amended by this act. The commissioner,
58 or the commissioner's authorized agent, shall have access to, and may
59 enter and inspect, at all reasonable hours each hotel, motel, inn or
60 similar lodging, and each location where records relating thereto are
61 kept, as may be necessary for the commissioner or such agent to exercise
62 the commissioner's or such agent's powers under this section.

63 Sec. 6. Section 54-234a of the general statutes is repealed and the
64 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

65 (a) (1) The operator of any (A) establishment that provides massage
66 services for a fee; (B) publicly or privately operated highway service
67 plaza; (C) [hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging; (D)] public airport, as
68 defined in section 15-74a; [(E)] (D) acute care hospital emergency room;
69 [(F)] (E) urgent care facility; [(G)] (F) station offering passenger rail
70 service or passenger bus service; [(H)] (G) business that sells or offers
71 for sale materials or promotes performances intended for an adult-only
72 audience; [(I)] (H) employment agency, as defined in section 31-129, that
73 offers personnel services to any other operator described in this
74 subdivision; [(J)] (I) establishment that provides services performed by
75 a nail technician, as defined in section 19a-231; [or (K)] (I) establishment

76 that provides services performed by an esthetician, as defined in section
77 20-265a; or (K) hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging, and (2) each person
78 who holds an on-premises consumption permit for the retail sale of
79 alcoholic liquor pursuant to title 30, shall post the notice developed
80 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 54-222 in plain view in a
81 conspicuous location where labor and services are provided or
82 performed, tickets are sold and other transactions, including sales, are
83 to be carried on.

84 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
85 any person who holds an on-premises consumption permit for the retail
86 sale of alcoholic liquor pursuant to title 30 that consists of only one or
87 more of the following: (1) A caterer, boat, military, charitable
88 organization, special club, temporary liquor or temporary beer permit,
89 or (2) a manufacturer permit for a farm winery, a manufacturer permit
90 for beer, manufacturer permits for beer and brew pubs, or any other
91 manufacturer permit issued under title 30.

92 (c) (1) Any operator or person who fails to comply with [the
93 provisions] any provision of subparagraphs (A) to (I), inclusive, of
94 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section or subdivision (2) of
95 subsection (a) of this section shall pay a civil penalty of one hundred
96 dollars for a first violation and two hundred fifty dollars for any
97 subsequent violation, imposed by the appropriate authority. [.]

98 (2) Any operator or person who fails to comply with the provisions
99 of subparagraph (K) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section
100 shall pay a civil penalty of five thousand dollars per violation, imposed
101 by the Department of Consumer Protection.

102 (3) Each civil penalty imposed under subdivision (1) or (2) of this
103 subsection shall be in addition to any proceedings for suspension or
104 revocation of a license, permit or certificate that the appropriate
105 authority may initiate under any other provision of law.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	44-4
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	44-5
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	44-6
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	54-234a

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require the Commissioner of Revenue Services to periodically disclose to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection the name and address of each operator of a hotel, lodging house or bed and breakfast establishment who has remitted the use tax, (2) impose penalties on operators of hotels, motels, inns or similar lodgings who fail to satisfy various recordkeeping, training, occupancy rate and notice requirements, and (3) grant additional enforcement powers to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]