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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF HUMAN
TRAFFICKING."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
5 Protection;

6 (2) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

7 (3) "Hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging" means any commercial
8 establishment in this state where sleeping accommodations are offered
9 to transient guests for compensation;

10 (4) "Operator" means any person doing business in this state who
11 owns or operates a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging; and

12 (5) "Person" means any individual, association, corporation, limited
13 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity.

14 (b) (1) On and after January 1, 2027, each operator shall register with
15 the Department of Consumer Protection in a form and manner
16 prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Each operator
17 seeking an initial registration under this subdivision shall submit to the
18 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, (A)
19 an initial registration form that includes (i) the operator's name, business
20 address, telephone number and electronic mail address, (ii) the name,
21 business address, telephone number and electronic mail address of an
22 individual who will serve as the operator's main contact person for the
23 department, (iii) the address of each hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging
24 owned or operated by the operator, (iv) information sufficient to
25 demonstrate, to the commissioner's satisfaction, that the operator is in
26 compliance with the provisions of sections 44-4 to 44-6, inclusive, of the
27 general statutes, as amended by this act, and section 54-234a of the
28 general statutes, as amended by this act, and (v) any other information
29 required by the commissioner for the purposes of this section, and (B) a
30 nonrefundable initial registration fee in the amount of two hundred
31 dollars for each hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging owned or operated
32 by the operator.

33 (2) Each initial registration issued under subdivision (1) of this
34 subsection shall expire on December thirty-first of the year in which
35 such initial registration was issued, and may be renewed for additional
36 one-year periods upon submission of a registration renewal form in the
37 form and manner, and payment of a nonrefundable registration renewal
38 fee in the amount, set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection for an
39 initial registration.

40 (c) On and after January 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Consumer
41 Protection, or the commissioner's authorized agent, shall have the

42 power to examine, copy and audit, as the commissioner or such agent
43 deems necessary and proper, the records maintained by an operator to
44 ensure that such operator is in compliance with the provisions of
45 sections 44-4 to 44-6, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by
46 this act, and section 54-234a of the general statutes, as amended by this
47 act. The commissioner, or the commissioner's authorized agent, shall
48 have access to, and may enter and inspect, each hotel, motel, inn or
49 similar lodging, and each location where records relating thereto are
50 kept, as may be necessary for the commissioner or such agent to exercise
51 the commissioner's or such agent's powers under this section.

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

54 (a) As used in this section, "hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging" and
55 "operator" have the same meanings as provided in section 1 of this act.

56 (b) The operator of [each] a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging shall
57 maintain a record-keeping system of all guest transactions and receipts.
58 All records maintained pursuant to this section shall be retained by the
59 operator of [such] the hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging for not less
60 than six months from the date of creation of the record.

61 (c) Any operator who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of this
62 section shall be subject to a civil penalty imposed by the Department of
63 Consumer Protection in the amount of one thousand dollars per
64 violation, provided the amount of all civil penalties imposed on an
65 operator under this subsection shall not exceed an aggregate amount of
66 five thousand dollars for the calendar year in which such violations
67 occurred.

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

70 (a) As used in this section, "hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging" and
71 "operator" have the same meanings as provided in section 1 of this act.

72 (b) The operator of [each] a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging shall
73 ensure that each employee of [such] the hotel, motel, inn or similar
74 lodging [receive] receives training at the time of hire on the (1)
75 recognition of potential victims of human trafficking, and (2) activities
76 commonly associated with human trafficking. In addition, such
77 operator shall conduct ongoing awareness campaigns for employees on
78 the activities commonly associated with human trafficking.

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

84 (d) Any operator who violates the provisions of subsection (b) or (c)
85 of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty imposed by the
86 Department of Consumer Protection in the amount of one thousand
87 dollars per violation, provided the amount of all civil penalties imposed
88 on an operator under this subsection shall not exceed an aggregate
89 amount of five thousand dollars for the calendar year in which such
90 violations occurred.

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

93 (a) As used in this section, "hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging" and
94 "operator" have the same meanings as provided in section 1 of this act.

95 (b) When offering or providing a room that includes sleeping
96 accommodations, no operator of a hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging
97 may offer or provide a financial discount or benefit for such room that
98 is based upon an hourly rate or an occupancy period that is for a term
99 of twelve hours or less.

100 (c) Any operator who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of this
101 section shall be subject to a civil penalty imposed by the Department of
102 Consumer Protection in the amount of one thousand dollars per

103 violation, provided the amount of all civil penalties imposed on an
104 operator under this subsection shall not exceed an aggregate amount of
105 five thousand dollars for the calendar year in which such violations
106 occurred.

107 Sec. 5. Section 54-234a of the general statutes is repealed and the
108 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

109 (a) (1) The operator of any (A) establishment that provides massage
110 services for a fee; (B) publicly or privately operated highway service
111 plaza; (C) [hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging; (D)] public airport, as
112 defined in section 15-74a; [(E)] (D) acute care hospital emergency room;
113 [(F)] (E) urgent care facility; [(G)] (F) station offering passenger rail
114 service or passenger bus service; [(H)] (G) business that sells or offers
115 for sale materials or promotes performances intended for an adult-only
116 audience; [(I)] (H) employment agency, as defined in section 31-129, that
117 offers personnel services to any other operator described in this
118 subdivision; [(J)] (I) establishment that provides services performed by
119 a nail technician, as defined in section 19a-231; [or (K)] (J) establishment
120 that provides services performed by an esthetician, as defined in section
121 20-265a; or (K) hotel, motel, inn or similar lodging, and (2) each person
122 who holds an on-premises consumption permit for the retail sale of
123 alcoholic liquor pursuant to title 30, shall post the notice developed
124 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 54-222 in plain view in a
125 conspicuous location where labor and services are provided or
126 performed, tickets are sold and other transactions, including sales, are
127 to be carried on.

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

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

142 (2) Any operator who fails to comply with the provisions of
 143 subparagraph (K) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section shall
 144 pay a civil penalty of one thousand dollars per violation imposed by the
 145 Department of Consumer Protection, provided the amount of all civil
 146 penalties imposed on an operator under this subdivision shall not
 147 exceed an aggregate amount of five thousand dollars for the calendar
 148 year in which such violations occurred.

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

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