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## *FIRST COMMITTEE ENGROSSMENT*

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Policy and Oversight

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*Referred by Chair to Crime Victims/Criminal Records Division.*

March 30, 2009

*Returned to the Committee on Public Safety Policy and Oversight as Amended.*

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human rights; requiring posting of notices related to human trafficking  
1.3 at establishments that sell alcoholic beverages at retail and certain lodging  
1.4 establishments that have been involved in prostitution-related activity; amending  
1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 617.87; proposing coding for new law in  
1.6 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 340A.

1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.8 Section 1. **[340A.5055] POSTING OF CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIRED.**

1.9 (a) A retail licensee shall display a sign containing the following notice:

1.10 "WARNING: Engaging in labor trafficking or sex trafficking is a crime under  
1.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 609.281. Call the Minnesota Crisis and Tip Line at  
1.12 1-888-772-3324 or 651-291-8810. You may remain anonymous."

1.13 (b) The sign must be in the form and in the languages as specified by the human  
1.14 trafficking task force created under section 299A.7955, and approved by the commissioner.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 617.87, is amended to read:

1.16 **617.87 RELEASE OF PROPERTY.**

1.17 If, after an order of abatement has been entered, the owner appears and pays the  
1.18 costs of the action and files a bond in an amount determined by the court, but not to  
1.19 exceed \$50,000, conditioned that the owner will immediately abate the nuisance for a  
1.20 period of one year, the court may, if satisfied of the owner's good faith, order the release of  
1.21 the building or portion of it which is subject to the order of abatement. If the building  
1.22 or portion of it that is subject to the order of abatement is a hotel, motel, or similar  
1.23 establishment that rents overnight lodging to the public and the nuisance was prostitution  
1.24 or prostitution-related activity that involved sex trafficking, as defined in section 609.321,

2.1 subdivision 7a, the release must require the owner to post a notice in the form specified in  
2.2 section 340A.5055 in each unit and portion of the building that was subject to the order  
2.3 of abatement. If the premises are released, for each day during the term of the bond that  
2.4 the owner knowingly permits any part of the premises to be used for any activity which  
2.5 was the basis of the abatement order or fails to post the notice, if required, the owner shall  
2.6 forfeit \$1,000 under the bond. Forfeiture under the bond does not relieve the owner from  
2.7 prosecution for contempt. Release of the property pursuant to this section does not release  
2.8 it from an injunction issued under section 617.83 or any other judgment, penalty, lien, or  
2.9 liability to which it may be subject by law.