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

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 NOTICES REQUIRED.

1.9 (a) A retail licensee shall display a sign containing the following notice in English
1.10 and in Spanish:

1.11 "WARNING: Obtaining forced labor or services is a crime under Minnesota
1.12 law. Call the national human trafficking hotline: 1-888-373-7888. You may remain
1.13 anonymous."

1.14 (b) The sign must be at least 8.5 inches high and 11 inches wide and displayed in a
1.15 conspicuous manner clearly visible to the public and employees of the permit or license
1.16 holder. The English notice must cover approximately two-thirds of the sign, and the
1.17 Spanish notice must cover approximately one-third of the sign.

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

1.19 617.87 RELEASE OF PROPERTY.

1.20 If, after an order of abatement has been entered, the owner appears and pays the
1.21 costs of the action and files a bond in an amount determined by the court, but not to
1.22 exceed \$50,000, conditioned that the owner will immediately abate the nuisance for a
1.23 period of one year, the court may, if satisfied of the owner's good faith, order the release of
1.24 the building or portion of it which is subject to the order of abatement. If the building

2.1 or portion of it that is subject to the order of abatement is a hotel, motel, or similar
2.2 establishment that rents overnight lodging to the public and the nuisance was prostitution
2.3 or prostitution-related activity that involved sex trafficking, as defined in section 609.321,
2.4 subdivision 7a, the release must require the owner to post a conspicuous notice in each
2.5 unit and portion of the building that was subject to the order of abatement that includes an
2.6 operating toll-free telephone number of a nationally recognized information and referral
2.7 hotline for victims of human trafficking. If the premises are released, for each day during
2.8 the term of the bond that the owner knowingly permits any part of the premises to be used
2.9 for any activity which was the basis of the abatement order or fails to post the notice, if
2.10 required, the owner shall forfeit \$1,000 under the bond. Forfeiture under the bond does
2.11 not relieve the owner from prosecution for contempt. Release of the property pursuant to
2.12 this section does not release it from an injunction issued under section 617.83 or any other
2.13 judgment, penalty, lien, or liability to which it may be subject by law.