

# HOUSE BILL 1304

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By: **Delegates Hucker, Bobo, Impallaria, W. Miller, Murphy, Myers, and Rudolph**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Information – Sign**  
3 **Posting Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the owner of a privately owned bus station or truck stop  
5 located in the State to post in restrooms in a certain manner a certain sign that  
6 provides National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information;  
7 subjecting an owner of a bus station or truck stop that violates the sign posting  
8 requirement to a certain civil penalty; specifying that, for each restroom in  
9 which the owner fails to post a sign in accordance with this Act, the owner is  
10 subject to a separate civil penalty; requiring the State Highway Administration  
11 to post in a certain manner a certain sign that provides National Human  
12 Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information in the restrooms at rest areas  
13 within the right-of-way of any interstate or State highway; and generally  
14 relating to sign posting requirements for National Human Trafficking Resource  
15 Center Hotline information.

16 BY adding to  
17 Article – Business Regulation  
18 Section 19–103  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

21 BY adding to  
22 Article – Transportation  
23 Section 8–655  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
27 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**Article – Business Regulation****19–103.**

**(A) (1) THE OWNER OF A PRIVATELY OWNED BUS STATION OR TRUCK STOP SHALL POST THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE INFORMATION SIGN DESCRIBED IN § 15–207 OF THIS ARTICLE IN EACH RESTROOM OF THE BUS STATION OR TRUCK STOP.**

**(2) A SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE POSTED:**

**(I) ON THE INSIDE OF EACH STALL DOOR IN THE RESTROOM; OR**

**(II) ON THE BACK OF THE DOOR AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE RESTROOM.**

**(B) (1) THE OWNER OF A BUS STATION OR TRUCK STOP THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.**

**(2) FOR EACH RESTROOM IN WHICH AN OWNER FAILS TO POST A SIGN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION, THE OWNER IS SUBJECT TO A SEPARATE CIVIL PENALTY.**

**Article – Transportation****8–655.**

**(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL POST THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE INFORMATION SIGN DESCRIBED IN § 15–207 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE IN EACH RESTROOM AT A REST AREA WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF AN INTERSTATE OR STATE HIGHWAY.**

**(B) A SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE POSTED:**

**(1) ON THE INSIDE OF EACH STALL DOOR IN THE RESTROOM; OR**

**(2) ON THE BACK OF THE DOOR AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE RESTROOM.**

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2    October 1, 2011.