

HOUSE BILL 382

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation – Innkeepers – Records and Human Trafficking Awareness**
3 **Training**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring an innkeeper to maintain a certain record-keeping system of
5 guest transactions and receipts; requiring that certain records be kept for a certain
6 period; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention and the
7 Maryland Department of Labor to approve a certain training program for
8 identification and reporting of suspected human trafficking; providing certain
9 requirements for a certain training program; requiring a certain innkeeper to ensure
10 that certain employees receive certain training; requiring, on an annual basis, an
11 innkeeper to make a certain certification to the Department; and generally relating
12 to innkeepers and human trafficking.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Business Regulation
15 Section 15–201
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Business Regulation
20 Section 15–208
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Business Regulation**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 15-201.

2 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (b) "Innkeeper" means the owner, operator, manager, or keeper of a lodging
4 establishment, or the agent of an owner, operator, manager, or keeper of a lodging
5 establishment.

6 (c) "Lodging establishment" means an inn, hotel, motel, or other establishment
7 that has at least four rooms available for a fee to transient guests for lodging or sleeping
8 purposes.

9 15-208.

10 (A) (1) AN INNKEEPER SHALL MAINTAIN A COMPUTERIZED
11 RECORD-KEEPING SYSTEM OF ALL GUEST TRANSACTIONS AND RECEIPTS.

12 (2) THE RECORDS MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION
13 SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE INNKEEPER FOR NOT LESS THAN 6 MONTHS FROM THE
14 DATE OF THE CREATION OF THE RECORD.

15 (B) (1) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND
16 PREVENTION AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPROVE AN EDUCATIONAL TRAINING
17 PROGRAM AND A REFRESHER TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE ACCURATE AND
18 PROMPT IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF SUSPECTED HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

19 (2) THE TRAINING PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE A VIDEO
20 PRESENTATION THAT OFFERS GUIDANCE TO EMPLOYEES OF INNKEEPERS ON:

21 (I) THE RECOGNITION OF POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF HUMAN
22 TRAFFICKING; AND

23 (II) THE ACTIVITIES COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH HUMAN
24 TRAFFICKING.

25 (C) (1) AN INNKEEPER SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE
26 LODGING ESTABLISHMENT RECEIVE THE ANNUAL TRAINING DESCRIBED IN
27 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

28 (2) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER
29 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, AN INNKEEPER SHALL CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT
30 THAT ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE LODGING ESTABLISHMENT HAVE RECEIVED THE
31 ANNUAL TRAINING PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2020.