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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNIFORM ACT ON PREVENTION OF AND
REMEDIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Introduced By: Senator Matthew L. LaMountain

Date Introduced: January 16, 2026

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-67.1-20 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-67.1 entitled "Uniform
2 Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-67.1-20. Display of public-awareness sign — Penalty for failure to display.**

4 (a) Any public or quasi-public transportation agency shall display a public-awareness sign
5 that contains the state and national human trafficking resource center hotline information in every
6 transportation station, rest area, and welcome center in the state that is open to the public.

7 (b) An employer shall display the public-awareness sign described in subsection (a) of this
8 section in a place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to employees and the public at each of the
9 following locations in this state at which the employer has employees:

10 (1) A strip club or other sexually-oriented business;

11 (2) A business entity previously found to be a nuisance for prostitution;

12 (3) A job-recruitment center;

13 (4) A hospital; or

14 (5) An emergency-care provider.

15 (c) The department of labor and training shall impose a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300)
16 per violation on an employer that knowingly fails to comply with subsection (b) of this section.

17 The fine shall be the exclusive remedy for failure to comply.

18 **(d) All monies assessed pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the violent crimes**

1 indemnity account within the general fund, as established pursuant to § 12-25-28, for the purpose
2 of paying awards granted pursuant to the criminal injuries compensation act established pursuant
3 to the provisions of chapter 25 of title 12.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require that all monies received from the payment of fines under the
- 2 Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking be deposited into the violent
- 3 crimes indemnity account within the general fund.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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