

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/19/2014
Reference No.: CB-080-2014
Draft No.: 3
Proposer(s): Toles
Sponsor(s): Toles, Lehman, Olson, Harrison
Item Title: An Act concerning Human Trafficking – Lodging Establishments – Employee Training for the purpose of requiring lodging establishments to provide certain employee training; requiring lodging establishments to perform annual employee training certification; and generally relating to lodging establishment regulation in the County.

Drafter: Kathleen H. Canning, Legislative Officer
Resource Personnel: Davion E. Percy, Council District 7

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	9/23/2014	Executive Action:	12/4/2014 S
Committee Referral:	9/23/2014 - PSFM	Effective Date:	1/20/2015

Committee Action: 10/9/2014 - FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 10/21/2014
Public Hearing: 11/19/2014 - 10:00 AM

Council Action (1) 11/19/2014 - ENACTED
Council Votes: WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A
Pass/Fail: P
Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

05-171.01

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety and Fiscal Management

Date 10/9/2014

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended 4-0 (In Favor: Councilmembers Toles, Harrison, Lehman and Turner)

This bill provides that any person who owns or operates a hotel, rooming house, tourist home, motel or tourist cabin park within the County shall be required to provide training to employees on how to identify human trafficking activities and human trafficking victims. Further, each lodging establishment identified in Sec. 50171.01(a), shall be required to annually certify that all of their employees have completed the required training. This bill is in response to the problem with human trafficking in the County.

Specifically, on October 9, 2014, during the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee work session, the legislation was amended by adding the following provisions:

(1) On page 2, in lines 7-10, requires the lodging establishment to register with the Department of Permitting,

Inspections and Enforcement.

(2) On page 2, in line 11-15, provides that registration shall be required in obtaining a use and occupancy permit.

(3) On page 2, in lines 16-20, provides for a training video made by the Human Relations Commission in collaboration with the Prince George's County Police.

Michael Lyles, Executive Director of the Human Relations Commission, spoke in favor of the bill and indicated that the video may be able to be seen on-line.

The enactment of CB-80-2014 should not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

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11/19/2014: CB-80-2014 (DR-2) was amended on the floor prior to enactment. CB-80-2014 (DR-3) was enacted.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
