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House of Representatives, April 4, 2017

An Act To Combat Human Trafficking by Requiring Prevention Training for Commercial Drivers

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Speaker GIDEON of Freeport.
Cosponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland and
Representatives: MAREAN of Hollis, McLEAN of Gorham, PERKINS of Oakland, RECKITT
of South Portland, SHEATS of Auburn, WARREN of Hallowell, Senators: COLLINS of York,
ROSEN of Hancock.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1253, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Human trafficking prevention training and license requirement; informational card. In addition to other requirements under this section, beginning April 1, 2018, in order to receive a commercial driver's license, an applicant for a new commercial driver's license must complete a nationally recognized training program on preventing human trafficking in the trucking industry and provide to the Secretary of State a certificate or other evidence of satisfactory completion of that program. The training program required under this subsection may be administered in person or on the Internet.

Beginning April 1, 2018, a commercial driver's license issued by the Secretary of State to a new licensee or upon a renewal for an existing licensee must be accompanied by an informational card that is 2 inches by 3 inches and outlines signs of and how to report human trafficking and includes a telephone number for a national human trafficking hotline.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that, beginning April 1, 2018, an applicant for a new commercial driver's license complete in person or online a nationally recognized training program on preventing human trafficking in the trucking industry as a requirement to receive a license. It also requires that all new and renewed commercial driver's licenses be accompanied by a wallet-sized card that outlines signs of and how to report human trafficking and includes a telephone number for a national human trafficking hotline.