

Legislation Text

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Supporting the passage of the Pennsylvania General Assembly's House Bill No. 262 to help combat human trafficking throughout Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Philadelphia has a tradition of advancing fundamental human rights; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative to eliminate human trafficking, including commercial sexual exploitation, forced labor, labor obtained through debt or bondage, involuntary servitude, slavery, and slavery by descent; and

WHEREAS, To combat human trafficking in this City, the people of Philadelphia must be aware of the realities of human trafficking and must be dedicated to stopping this contemporary manifestation of slavery; and

WHEREAS, Efforts shall be made to actively oppose all individuals, groups, or organizations and nations who support, advance, or commit acts of human trafficking and work to end human trafficking around the world; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 262 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly works to require the formal registration of employees at adult-oriented establishments; and

WHEREAS, This bill will support the Commonwealth's efforts to eradicate human trafficking by protecting at-risk people, including women, minors, and undocumented persons; and

WHEREAS, Studies show the consumption of alcohol impairs one's judgment and in the context of the adult entertainment industry, may accelerate the use of violence by patrons against employees; and

WHEREAS, Studies show women, minors, and undocumented persons are at an increased risk of being trafficked in adult-oriented establishments; and

WHEREAS, By being forced to work in adult-oriented establishments, women and minors risk increased exposure to not only trafficking, but also violence and deportation; and

WHEREAS, The aftereffects of trafficking and forced adult-entertainment participation cause undue emotional, mental, and physical stress and trauma; and

WHEREAS, Trauma has adverse effects on the emotional and physical health and economic labor of the trafficking victims; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That Council does hereby support the passage of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania's House Bill No. 262.