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No. 65

An Act to amend *The Protection From Human Trafficking Act* and to make consequential and related amendments to other Acts

(Assented to)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

PART 1
Preliminary Matters

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Protection From Human Trafficking Amendment Act, 2026*.

PART 2
Amendments to *The Protection From Human Trafficking Act*

SS 2021, c 23 amended

2 *The Protection From Human Trafficking Act* is amended in the manner set forth in this Part.

New section 19.4

3 The following section is added after section 19.3:

"Creditor's duty to give notice

19.4(1) A creditor who has received a certificate pursuant to subsection 19.3(2) to verify a coerced debt shall notify the following entities in writing that the debt is a coerced debt to which this Part applies:

(a) every credit reporting agency to which the debt was reported;

(b) any collection agent or collector, as defined in *The Collection Agents Act*, that is attempting or has the authority to collect the debt;

(c) if the debt was imposed on the debtor by a court order, the applicable court;

(d) any other person or entity the creditor notified to collect or enforce the debt;

(e) any prescribed person or entity.

(2) The creditor of a coerced debt shall, before selling, assigning or transferring the coerced debt, notify the person or entity who is purchasing or acquiring it, or to whom it is being assigned or transferred, that the debt is a coerced debt to which this Part applies**".**

New Part 3.2

4 The following Part is added after section 19.4:

"PART 3.2
Duty to Report Human Trafficking

"Definitions for Part

19.5 In this Part:

'hotel' means a hotel as defined in *The Hotel Keepers Act*;

'online accommodation platform' means, subject to the regulations, an online marketplace that enables or facilitates:

(a) retail sales of accommodation located in Saskatchewan; and

(b) the collection of payment on behalf of the person providing the accommodation;

'vehicle-for-hire service' means a vehicle-for-hire service as defined in *The Vehicles for Hire Act*.

"Duty to report

19.6(1) This section applies to the following:

(a) a hotel, including its employees;

(b) an online accommodation platform, including its employees;

(c) a driver of a vehicle-for-hire service;

(d) any other prescribed person.

(2) If a person mentioned in subsection (1) reasonably believes that an individual is subject to human trafficking, the person must immediately report the belief and the information on which it is based to a peace officer**".**

Section 20 amended

5 The following clauses are added after clause 20(e.1):

"(e.2) respecting the definition of 'online accommodation platform';

"(e.3) respecting the duty to report human trafficking**".**

PART 3
Amendments to *The Protection From Human Trafficking (Coerced Debts) Amendment Act, 2024*

SS 2024, c 16 amended

6(1) *The Protection From Human Trafficking (Coerced Debts) Amendment Act, 2024* is amended in the manner set forth in this section.

(2) Section 19.2, as enacted by section 5 of *The Protection From Human Trafficking (Coerced Debts) Amendment Act, 2024*, is amended:

(a) by renumbering it as subsection 19.2(1); and

(b) by adding the following subsection after subsection (1):

"(2) No insurer who is determining whether to provide insurance to a debtor who has been a victim shall take the existence of a coerced debt into consideration when making that determination**".**

(3) Section 19.21, as enacted by section 5 of *The Protection From Human Trafficking (Coerced Debts) Amendment Act, 2024*, is amended:

(a) by renumbering it as subsection 19.21(1); and

(b) by adding the following subsection after subsection (1):

"(2) Subsection (1) does not affect any right, statutory or otherwise, of a person to enforce a security interest, mortgage, charge or lien as it pertains to a coerced debt in order to seize or repossess the property with respect to which there is a security interest, mortgage, charge or lien**".**

PART 4
Amendments to *The Hotel Keepers Act*

RSS 1978, c H-11 amended

7(1) *The Hotel Keepers Act* is amended in the manner set forth in this section.

(2) The following section is added after section 1:

"Definitions

1.1 In this Act:

'hotel' means a building that:

(a) is used for the commercial purpose of providing travelling individuals with temporary accommodation;

(b) is not a boarding house, lodging house, apartment house or other prescribed type of building; and

(c) is part of a prescribed category;

'hotel keeper' means a keeper of a hotel;

'human trafficking' means human trafficking as defined in *The Protection From Human Trafficking Act*;

'police officer' means:

(a) a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; or

(b) a member of a police service as defined in *The Police Act, 1990*;

'prescribed' means prescribed in the regulations;

'register' means the register kept by a hotel keeper in accordance with section 14**".**

(3) Section 9 is amended by striking out "loding**" and substituting "**lodging**".**

(4) Section 14 is repealed and the following substituted:

"Duties of hotel keeper

14(1) Every hotel keeper shall maintain a register with the following information:

(a) the name of one of the guests who will occupy the hotel room, as shown on the identification provided pursuant to subsection (2);

(b) the primary residence of the guest or, if the guest has no primary residence, the municipality in which the guest normally resides;

(c) any other prescribed information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a guest must provide a piece of valid government-issued photo identification, except as permitted pursuant to subsection (3).

(3) If a guest does not have any government-issued photo identification, the guest may provide a prescribed form of identification.

(4) A hotel keeper must keep information entered in the register for the prescribed period.

"Application to access register

14.1(1) A police officer may, in accordance with this section, apply to a justice of the peace for an order requiring a hotel keeper to provide access to a specified portion of a register.

(2) The application mentioned in subsection (1) may be made to the justice of the peace, without notice, in the prescribed manner.

(3) The justice of the peace may make an order if satisfied that there are reasonable grounds to believe that:

(a) a person is currently a victim of human trafficking or is at imminent risk of being trafficked; and

(b) information in the specified portion of the register will assist in locating or identifying that person.

(4) An order pursuant to this section may contain all or any of the following provisions:

(a) a provision granting the police officer access to a specified portion of the register;

(b) a provision granting the police officer the ability to make a copy of the specified portion of the register;

(c) any other provisions that the justice of the peace considers necessary.

(5) A hotel keeper shall immediately comply with an order made pursuant to subsection (3).

"Urgent demand to access register

14.2(1) A police officer may, in writing, make a demand to view information recorded in the register of a hotel if the police officer is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds to believe information recorded in the register will assist in locating or identifying a person who is currently a victim of human trafficking or is at imminent risk of being trafficked and:

(a) there are reasonable grounds to believe the victim of human trafficking will suffer bodily harm within the time it would take to obtain an order in accordance with section 14.1; or

(b) there are reasonable grounds to believe information recorded in the register will be destroyed within the time it would take to obtain an order in accordance with section 14.1.

(2) In exercising the power described in subsection (1), a police officer may make a copy of any portion of the register that the police officer has reasonable grounds to believe will assist in locating or identifying a person who is currently a victim of human trafficking or is at imminent risk of being trafficked.

(3) A hotel keeper shall immediately comply with a demand made pursuant to subsection (1).

(4) A police officer who makes an urgent demand pursuant to subsection (1) shall, within the prescribed period, provide a written report to the police officer's commanding officer that:

(a) sets out the circumstances in which the demand was made; and

(b) meets the prescribed requirements.

"Annual report

14.3(1) A police service must prepare an annual report respecting its use of urgent demands for access to a register.

(2) The report must:

(a) indicate the number of urgent demands that were made in that year and the total number of hotel keepers who were served with a demand that year; and

(b) meet the prescribed requirements.

(3) The police service must:

(a) provide the annual report to the minister in the prescribed manner; and

(b) make the annual report available to the public in the prescribed manner.

"Use of information

14.4(1) Notwithstanding *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, a police officer may use information and records obtained pursuant to this Part only for the purpose of locating or identifying a victim of human trafficking or an individual who is at imminent risk of being trafficked.

(2) If an investigation into human trafficking becomes a criminal investigation, this section does not prevent information and records obtained by a police officer pursuant to this Act from being used in a criminal investigation.

"Offence re register

14.5(1) A person who contravenes section 14 or subsections 14.1(5) or 14.2(3) is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction:

(a) in the case of an individual:

(i) for a first offence, to a fine of not more than $5,000; and

(ii) for each subsequent offence, to a fine of not more than $10,000; and

(b) in the case of a corporation:

(i) for a first offence, to a fine of not more than $25,000; and

(ii) for each subsequent offence, to a fine of not more than $100,000**".**

(5) The following section is added after section 15:

"Regulations

16 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

(a) defining, enlarging or restricting the meaning of any word or expression used in this Act but not defined in this Act;

(b) for the purposes of the definition of 'hotel' in section 1.1:

(i) prescribing types of buildings that are not hotels; and

(ii) prescribing categories of buildings that are hotels;

(c) for the purposes of clause 14(1)(c), prescribing information that must be included on the register;

(d) for the purposes of subsection 14(3), prescribing forms of identification that may be accepted if a guest does not have government-issued photo identification;

(e) for the purposes of subsection 14(4), prescribing the period for which a hotel keeper must keep information entered on the register;

(f) for the purposes of subsection 14.1(2), prescribing the manner of application;

(g) for the purposes of subsection 14.2(4):

(i) prescribing the period within which a report with respect to an urgent demand must be written; and

(ii) prescribing the requirements for a report with respect to an urgent demand;

(h) for the purposes of clause 14.3(2)(b), prescribing the requirements for an annual report;

(i) for the purposes of subsection 14.3(3):

(i) prescribing the manner in which an annual report must be provided to the minister; and

(ii) prescribing the manner in which an annual report must be made available;

(j) prescribing any other matter or thing required or authorized by this Act to be prescribed in the regulations;

(k) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary to carry out the intent of this Act**".**

PART 5
Coming into Force

Coming into force

8 This Act comes into force by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

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Received and read the

First time

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Third time

And passed

Honourable Tim McLeod

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The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of Saskatchewan
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