Department of Planning and Budget 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number:HB1654H1Patron:HelmerBill Title:Short-term rental properties; human trafficking awareness training.

Bill Summary: The substitute bill mandates every accommodations provider listing accommodations on an accommodation intermediary to complete certain training on recognizing and reporting instances of suspected human trafficking. Current law limits this requirement to every hotel proprietor and its employees and excludes short-term rentals.

Budget Amendment Necessary:YesItems Impacted:392Explanation:Additional funding is required to support one-time course development, ongoing
maintenance and updates to the course, and up to two positions.392

Fiscal Summary: According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the agency anticipates a one-time expense of \$50,000 to develop the course, \$25,000 in ongoing expenses for maintenance and updates to the course, and \$203,000 to support up to two positions.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	<u>FY2026</u>	FY2027	<u>FY2028</u>	FY2029	<u>FY2030</u>
DCJS	\$0	\$278,000	\$228,000	\$228,000	\$228,000	\$228,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$278,000	\$228,000	\$228,000	\$228,000	\$228,000
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Agency	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
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Fiscal Analysis: This legislation would expand the human trafficking training requirement to include all types of possible accommodations in the Commonwealth. It would require that each provider of an accommodation complete the training or approved alternate trainings and provide certification to the company that they have met these requirements. The training currently available from DCJS is specific to hotels and does not address all forms of accommodations providers. Due to differences from hotel accommodations such as ownership, types of facilities (multi-room vs. single family/room), and employees/staffing at hotels/motels, a new training course specific to short-term rentals would be developed, or the current course would need revision. DCJS

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estimates a one-time cost of \$50,000 to develop or revise the training and \$25,000 in ongoing maintenance and updates to the course.

DCJS is responsible for approving or developing and hosting the training outlined in this bill, therefore the agency anticipates the need for staff to not only approve, develop or revise the training, but also to respond to requests for assistance from the accommodations providers. Based on current call volume from hotel and motel proprietors requesting assistance with the human trafficking training under current law, DCJS anticipates that the expansion to additional accommodations providers, as outlined in the bill, would result in a significant increase in volume of requests for assistance. DCJS anticipates the need to employ two FTEs to develop/revise the training course specifically for accommodations providers, review and approve alternative courses, as well as to facilitate assistance to the expanded group of stakeholders. The estimated cost for each FTE is \$101,500 annually (includes \$70,000 salary plus \$31,500 in fringe benefits).

Other: None