

1 **Human Trafficking Hotline Amendments**

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Nicholeen P. Peck

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill directs the attorney general to seek a three-digit dialing code for the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ requires the attorney general, by December 31, 2026, to coordinate with a federal agency and nonprofit entity to petition the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to initiate a rulemaking regarding the designation or use of a three-digit dialing code to access the National Human Trafficking Hotline (hotline);

▶ authorizes the attorney general, if the FCC approves a three-digit dialing code, to coordinate with telecommunications providers and to conduct public education and outreach regarding the availability of the dialing code; and

▶ clarifies that the state is not authorized to control numbering resources or require call routing, except as permitted under federal law.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:**ENACTS:**

67-5-41, Utah Code Annotated 1953

26 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

27 Section 1. Section **67-5-41** is enacted to read:

28 **67-5-41 . National Human Trafficking Hotline -- Three-digit access.**

29 (1) As used in this section, "National Human Trafficking Hotline" means the federally
30 established, nationally available hotline that:

31 (a) provides assistance to victims of human trafficking and individuals seeking to report
32 suspected human trafficking; and
33 (b) operates through a 10-digit telephone number.

34 (2)(a) No later than December 31, 2026, the attorney general shall:

35 (i) coordinate with the United States Department of Health and Human Services and
36 the nonprofit entity that operates the National Human Trafficking Hotline; and
37 (ii) petition the Federal Communications Commission, in accordance with the federal
38 Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. Sec. 551 et seq., and 47 C.F.R. Sec.
39 1.401, to initiate a rulemaking for the designation, reservation, or use of a
40 three-digit dialing code to provide access to the National Human Trafficking
41 Hotline.

42 (b) In preparing the petition described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii), the attorney general may
43 rely on data already available to the attorney general for inclusion in the
44 administrative record supporting the petition.

45 (3) If the Federal Communications Commission authorizes a three-digit dialing code for
46 access to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, the attorney general may:

47 (a) coordinate with telecommunications providers operating in the state to facilitate call
48 routing in compliance with federal requirements; and
49 (b) conduct public education and outreach to inform residents of the availability of the
50 three-digit dialing code.

51 (4) Nothing in this section authorizes the state to:

52 (a) exercise authority over numbering resources, including the designation or reservation
53 of a three-digit dialing code; or
54 (b) require call routing to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, except as authorized
55 under federal law.

56 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

57 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.