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Assembly Bill 60 regulates adult entertainment establishments, as defined by the bill, by generally: (1) prohibiting ownership and employment based on age and criminal history; (2) prohibiting establishments from knowingly allowing violations of certain offenses; (3) requiring the posting of an anti-human trafficking poster; (4) requiring an establishment to provide in one business day a list of its owners and employees to law enforcement upon request and a showing of credentials; and (5) creating penalties applicable to such establishments, as well as to certain persons with an interest in such establishments.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 revises the process for the inspection of establishment ownership and employment records by law enforcement. The amendment removes the requirement that a law enforcement officer present credentials during business hours to make a request and removes the next business day requirement for complying with a request.

Instead, the amendment provides generally that a law enforcement officer may request establishment records and that if the establishment does not comply, then the officer may seek the records pursuant to a special inspection warrant, which the establishment must comply with. If the establishment does not comply with the special inspection warrant, then the establishment would be subject to the penalties created in the bill.

The special inspection warrant process provides protection against an unreasonable search or seizure. In the process, a peace officer, which includes a law enforcement officer, may apply to a judge for a special inspection warrant after consent for inspection purposes has been denied.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Bodden offered Assembly Amendment 1 on December 7, 2023. On December 13, 2023, the Assembly Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's bill history page.

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