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Significant Issues

There has been an increase in the number of assaults, robberies and violent acts on employees working in retail establishments open during the late night / early morning hours. Several fatalities involving store clerks remain unsolved for lack of leads or videotape evidence.

There are no uniform standards for employee safety and security with which businesses must comply. This Memorial directs the OHS Bureau to develop and propose minimum uniform standards that stores primarily engaged in the sale of groceries, gasoline, or both, must follow if they are open between the hours of 11 pm and 6 am.

Uniform standards for safety and security will enhance the working environment, assist law enforcement efforts and provide an added level of safety for the general public who patronize these stores.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation for this Memorial. Minimal staffing and budget resources/costs are projected for the agencies necessary to carrying out this study and to propose regulations. The involved agencies believe this cost can be absorbed in existing appropriations.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The Memorial does not set a time frame by which the study is to be concluded and when the draft regulations are to be presented before the Environmental Improvement Board.

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