FINAL BILL REPORT

ESHB 1849

C 324 L 93 Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Providing for security of automated teller machines and night depositories.

By House Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Representatives Zellinsky, Mielke, Peery, Kessler, Dyer, R. Johnson, Jones, R. Meyers, Jacobsen and Kremen).

House Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce

Background: Growth in the use of automated teller machines has led to an increase in the number of persons robbed while using such machines. In some cases, victims of robberies have sued the financial institution controlling the machine, alleging that the institution failed to adequately provide for the safety of customers.

Summary: Operators of automated teller machines and night depositories must adopt procedures for evaluating the safety of their sites. Such operators must provide lighting in accordance with certain standards. In addition, they must provide information regarding basic safety precautions for users of such sites.

Compliance with these standards constitutes evidence of the operator's adequately providing for the safety of customers.

Local government laws regarding customer safety at automated teller machines and night deposit facilities are preempted.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 1 Senate 48 0

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