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1 AN ACT Relating to crime prevention employee training in businesses  
2 operating during evening hours; amending RCW 49.22.010 and 49.22.020;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 49.22 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 49.22.010 and 1989 c 357 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 As used in this chapter, the following terms have the meanings  
8 indicated unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

9 (1) "Department" means the department of labor and industries.

10 (2) "~~((Late-night))~~ Evening retail establishment" means any  
11 business or commercial establishment making sales to the public between  
12 the hours of ~~((eleven))~~ seven o'clock p.m. and ~~((six))~~ seven o'clock  
13 a.m., except restaurants, hotels, taverns, or any lodging facility.

14 (3) "Employer" means the operator, lessee, or franchisee of ~~((a~~  
15 ~~late-night))~~ an evening retail establishment.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 49.22 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

1 All employers operating evening retail establishments shall provide  
2 to their employees crime prevention training. Such crime prevention  
3 training shall be a part of the accident prevention program  
4 requirements imposed under the Washington industrial safety and health  
5 act of 1973, chapter 49.17 RCW, and shall include, but not be limited  
6 to:

7 (1) Providing a training manual developed and distributed by the  
8 department to employers or a manual that has been certified by the  
9 department under this section containing security policies, safety and  
10 security procedures, and personal safety and crime avoidance  
11 techniques; and

12 (2) Attendance at a training seminar or training video presentation  
13 developed and distributed, or certified, by the department under this  
14 section.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 49.22.020 and 1989 c 357 s 3 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 In addition to providing crime prevention training as provided in  
18 (~~section 2 of this act~~) section 2 of this act, all employers  
19 operating (~~late night~~) evening retail establishments shall:

20 (1) Post a conspicuous sign in the window or door which states that  
21 there is a safe on the premises and it is not accessible to the  
22 employees on the premises and that the cash register contains only the  
23 minimal amount of cash needed to conduct business: PROVIDED, That an  
24 employer shall not be subject to penalties under RCW 49.22.030 for  
25 having moneys in the cash register in excess of the minimal amount  
26 needed to conduct business;

27 (2) So arrange all material posted in the window or door so as to  
28 provide a clear and unobstructed view of the cash register, provided  
29 the cash register is otherwise in a position visible from the street;

30 (3) Have a drop-safe, limited access safe, or comparable device on  
31 the premises; and

32 (4) Operate the outside lights for that portion of the parking area  
33 that is necessary to accommodate customers during all night hours the  
34 (~~late night~~) evening retail establishment is open, if the (~~late  
35 night~~) evening retail establishment has a parking area for its  
36 customers.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 4.**   The department of labor and industries shall  
2   review and update existing rules and administrative procedures to  
3   reflect changes made by this act.

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