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RETAIL PARKING LOT LIGHTING ACT

House Bill 4695

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Committee: Consumer Protection

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4695 AS INTRODUCED 4-24-95

House Bill 4695 would create the Retail Parking Lot Lighting Act to require certain retail businesses to provide automatic lighting systems for their parking lots. The bill would require any individual or other legal entity that engaged in the retail sale of goods or service in the ordinary course of business and provided a parking lot with 20 or more spaces for its customers to make certain that the parking lot had an automatic lighting system. A retail business would be required to install a sufficient number of lights, maintained in working order, to adequately illuminate the parking lot and control the lights with an automatic lighting system that would turn on the lights in the parking lot automatically at dusk or in other low natural light conditions.

A retail business would have to install an appropriate parking lot lighting system within thirty days after the effective date of the bill, and would have to maintain the lighting so that the parking lot was adequately illuminated. Failure to do so would subject a violator to a civil fine of \$500 per day until the required lighting system was installed or maintained.

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