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### NEWS RELEASE

#### **NDP introduces Jimmy's Law**

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REGINA - The Official Opposition used the final day of sitting for the Legislative Assembly to introduce Jimmy's Law - which aims to protect workers' physical safety during late-night shifts.

"With so much to be done on worker safety, this brief session of the legislature shouldn't pass without putting a draft of Jimmy's Law on the table," said David Forbes, the NDP critic for labour who sponsored the bill. "Our caucus is proud to stand up for the protection of workers."

Jimmy's Law is proposed as an amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The changes would mean that employers would need to either schedule a minimum of two employees for late night shifts or ensure that an individual worker is safe behind a locked door or barrier.

The bill stems from the death of Jimmy Wiebe, who was shot twice during his night shift at a Shell gas station in Yorkton in June, 2011.

The bill could be passed when the legislature resumes sitting in the spring. In the meantime, Forbes said that he will continue to consult with stakeholders work with his government counterpart, Don Morgan, minister of labour relations and workplace safety.

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