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### NEWS RELEASE

#### **Jimmy's Law finally lands in regulations**

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The NDP is pleased that a year of advocacy for Jimmy's Law has led to an increase in safety regulations for late-night retail workers.

New ministry of labour regulations released today include increased safety requirements to protect workers on the graveyard shift.

Although they fall short of measures proposed by the NDP labour critic David Forbes in his Jimmy's Law bill, Forbes said that the positive step forward will be a welcome change for workers and their families.

"Working the night shift at a gas station or convenience store comes with increased risk. When I visited workers on the night shift, what I heard is that they felt anxious. They know about those sad cases where an employee has become a victim," said Forbes. "New Democrats feel strongly that victims like Jimmy Wiebe deserved better protection, and all steps to increase security and workplace safety are welcome."

Enforcement of the new regulations will be critical. According to a Hazard Alert released by the ministry's occupational health and safety division in May, non-compliance with the existing, lower safety requirements was 80 per cent.

"Making sure that business owners and workers are aware of and following the rules is an important, ongoing part of governing," said Forbes.

Wiebe, the namesake of Jimmy's Law, was shot and killed in a robbery while working the graveyard shift at a gas station in Yorkton in June 2011.

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