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self-service prices). It would be an unfortunate consequence of this legislation if service stations abandoned providing full service to customers, or restricted their hours to comply with the law.

Although not dispositive, other concerns include the vagueness of terms such as "bullet-resistant" and uncertainty as to what the specific standards actually require, and the lack of a consensus on the application of the legislation to jobbers.

I am concerned that state-of-the-art security prevention procedures or other more appropriate security preventive methods will be abandoned by distributors in their efforts to comply with this legislation. House Bill 589 seems to infringe on the decision making role of distributors in making informed judgements. Many distributors have already installed security devices at service stations in areas and under circumstances where that decision is appropriate. It is improper for the State government to be in the business of "designing" gasoline service stations. That role belongs with the distributors, working with the dealers in appraising their needs, viewing individual geographic locations, and applying the appropriate technology.

Because it is unclear to me whether a fortified kiosk provides for the increased safety of attendants over other available means, and because this bill does not apply in a uniform fashion to all service stations, finally because it is possible that crime will be simply displaced, I have decided to veto House Bill 589.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 589

AN ACT concerning

Gasoline Retailers - Hours of Business - Security Devices

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a gasoline distributor from requiring a retail service station dealer to keep the retail outlet open for business during-all-hours-of-the-day in excess of a certain number of hours unless the distributor installs, without charge to the dealer, with a certain exception, certain security devices; providing for the applicability of this Act to certain persons; providing that distributors must comply with this Act in a certain manner over a certain period of time; and relating generally to hours of business of gasoline dealers.