

**ZBILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB3696</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>DOC: Minimal</b>
	<b>AOC: Revenue positive</b>
	<b>State Budget: No material Impact</b>

**Research Analysis**

The committee substitute to HB 3696 provides that any person who, without justifiable or excusable cause, commits during the commission of a crime, a battery or an assault and battery upon an employee of the retail establishment while such employee is in the performance of his or her duties is guilty of a felony, punishable by up to 2 years in prison, a fine of up to \$2,500 or both fined and imprisonment.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

This measure codifies in statute a new felony related to persons who, while in commission of a crime, commit an assault on retail employees who are in the performance of their duties. Such persons guilty of this offense shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable by a term of imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections (DOC) for a term not exceeding 2 years, or by a fine not exceeding \$2,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The frequency of a new crime cannot be predicted. This has the potential to create new imprisonments within the DOC at a cost of \$16.60/day per inmate to be absorbed by existing budgetary resources, and generate new fines and fees to be collected by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). In its current form, HB3696 is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.