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Crimes Legislation Amendment (Assaults on Retail Workers) Bill 2023

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Proposed amendment

No. 1 Offence for failing to protect retail worker

Page 3, Schedule 1, proposed section 60G. Insert after line 16—

- (1A) A person (the *first person*) conducting a business or other undertaking that is a shop commits an offence if—
 - (a) a person assaults, throws a missile at, stalks, harasses or intimidates (each a *relevant behaviour*) a retail worker employed or otherwise engaged in the business or undertaking in the course of the worker's duty, whether or not any actual bodily harm is caused to the worker, and
 - (b) the first person has been negligent or reckless about taking action to prevent retail workers employed or otherwise engaged in the business or undertaking being subjected to relevant behaviour of that kind.

Maximum penalty—imprisonment for 4 years.