

BILL ANALYSIS

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<u>COMMITTEE:</u>	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure	<u>BILL NO.:</u>	SB 829
<u>PRIME SPONSOR:</u>	Senator Greenleaf	<u>PRINTER NO.</u>	997

Senate Bill 829 provides for restroom access for certain customers of retail establishments and for a penalty.

The bill would require a retail establishment to allow a customer as defined in this act access to its “employee only” restrooms. The requirement would not apply when there was an obvious health or security risk or if a public restroom was not accessible to the customer.

Customer is defined as an individual who is lawfully on the premises of a retail establishment and who uses an ostomy device or who suffers from an inflammatory bowel disease, such as Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis or any other medical condition that requires immediate access to a toilet facility.

A retail establishment or an employee of a retail establishment that violates the provisions of this act commits a summary offense.

The act would take effect immediately.