

**645.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Mercantile establishment*” includes any place where merchandise is displayed, held, or offered for sale, either retail or wholesale.
2. “*Merchandise*” includes any object, ware, good, commodity, or other similar item displayed or offered for sale.
3. “*Owner*” means an owner of a mercantile establishment and includes a designated representative of the owner.

[89 Acts, ch 99, §1](#); [97 Acts, ch 97, §1](#)