Chapter 60

(House Bill 342)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Fuel Suppliers and Retail Service Station Dealers - Promotion - Sales

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain supplier of motor fuel to a retail service station to sponsor, promote, advertise, or otherwise perform or participate in games of chance at the retail service station if the retail service station agrees to participate; prohibiting a supplier of motor fuel authorized to conduct a game of chance from requiring a retail service station dealer to participate in the game of chance; repealing the prohibition on a supplier of motor fuel requiring a retail service station dealer to pay certain costs related to a game of chance; and generally relating to participation in games of chance by motor fuel suppliers and retail service station dealers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section 10-502

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Business Regulation

10-502.

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a refiner or other supplier of motor fuel to a retail service station may not engage in, sponsor, promote, advertise, or otherwise perform or participate in a game of chance to be marketed or offered to the public at a retail service station in the State.
- (b) (1) A supplier of motor fuel authorized under this title to [operate] SUPPLY retail service stations may, at such stations, SPONSOR, PROMOTE, ADVERTISE, OR OTHERWISE PERFORM OR participate in a game of chance [promoted or sponsored by entities other than a refiner or supplier of motor fuel] IF THE RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALER AGREES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAME OF CHANCE.
- (2) A supplier of motor fuel authorized under this section to conduct a game of chance may not require a retail service station dealer to [pay for any costs related to] **PARTICIPATE IN** the game of chance.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2016.