SENATE BILL 1046

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By: Senator Kagan

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Gas Price Clarity Act of 2018

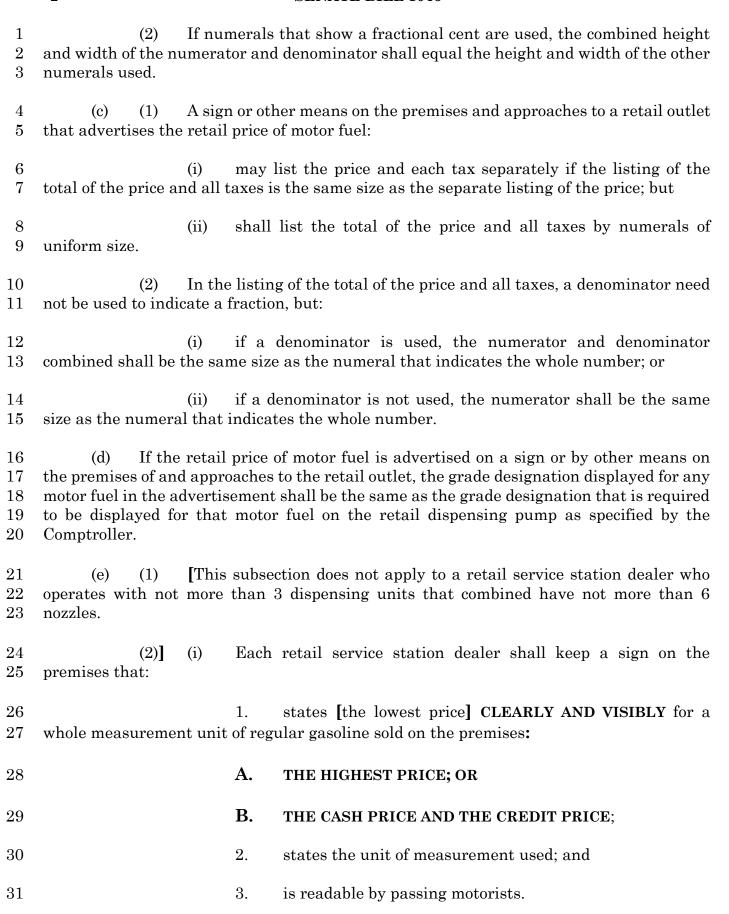
- 3 FOR the purpose of altering the information about a certain measurement of certain gasoline that must be stated on a certain sign on the premises of a retail service 4 5 station dealer to require that the highest price, or the cash price and the credit price, 6 be stated in a certain manner; authorizing a certain sign to state the highest price, 7 or the cash price and the credit price, for a certain measurement of certain other 8 motor fuel products; repealing a certain exemption from a certain signage requirement for certain retail service station dealers; and generally relating to 9 required signs at retail service stations. 10
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 12 Article Business Regulation
- 13 Section 10–315
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)
- 16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 Article – Business Regulation

- 19 10-315.
- 20 (a) A person who sells motor fuel at retail shall display signs in accordance with 21 this section.
- 22 (b) (1) All dispensing equipment for motor fuel shall be marked conspicuously 23 to show in numerals of equal size the price, including taxes, of a gallon of the motor fuel 24 offered for sale.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.





1 2 3	(ii) The sign required under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph also may state [the lowest price] for a whole measurement unit of diesel and other motor fuel products sold on the premises:		
4		1.	THE HIGHEST PRICE; OR
5		2.	THE CASH PRICE AND THE CREDIT PRICE.
6	[(3)] (2)	All n	umerals on the sign shall:
7	(i)	be ur	niform;
8	(ii)	be at	least 8 inches high and 3.5 inches wide; and
9	(iii)	have	a brush stroke of at least 1 inch.
10	[(4)] (3) A numeral in a fraction or a letter shall be at least one—third the height of a numeral that indicates a whole number.		
$egin{array}{c} 12 \\ 13 \\ 14 \end{array}$	[(5)] (4) If a new or additional sign is required to comply with this subsection, the supplier of the gasoline shall provide the sign and numerals without cost to the retail service station dealer.		
15 16 17	(f) A sign required at a service station by this section or any other State or federal law is exempt from the provisions of a local law, ordinance, or regulation for the purpose of determining:		
18	(1) the to	tal nu	mber of signs permitted; and
9	(2) the a	rea of	signs permitted.
20 21 22	(g) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, signs regulated by this section or other State law or by federal law may be regulated by the local zoning authority and shall be consistent with the local law, ordinance, or regulation governing signs.		
23 24	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018		