



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

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Chairman: Dereck Davis

Members of Economic Matters committee

RE: HB101- Gas Price Clarity Act

Position: In opposition

Retail sellers of motor fuel are required to post their lowest price for regular gasoline. Credit card fees are high, and some dealers offer a cheaper price for gas by providing a cash price to give consumers what they want, the lowest price possible.

More stations have gone to a single price or a dual price sign with diesel. These are digital signs and can be changed from a laptop or a POS terminal. They are much safer eliminating tall ladders or aluminum poles near power lines but on the downside they are expensive.

Maryland retailers sold 2,782,038,751 gallons of gasoline in 2019. Using a very liberal 16 gallon per transaction that equals 173,877,421 individual retail sales. This is one hundred and seventy-three million plus transactions at retail pumps with only 18 complaints about the price not matching the street sign. I **did not** calculate diesel volume from the retail sales of 529,399,191 so as not to distort total fill-ups. (larger tanks and more gallons per sale). There were 14 complaints at the weights and measures office and 4 at the Comptroller's office for a total of 18 complaints. The numbers speak for themselves.

Please give HB101 an unfavorable Report

WMDA/CAR is a trade association that has represented service stations, convenience stores and independent repair shops since 1937. Any questions can be addressed to Kirk McCauley, 301-775-0221 or kmccauley@wmda.net



