



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

February 22, 2022

Chair: C.T. Wilson
Members of Economic Matters Committee

RE: HB 775 - Consumer Protection Against Price Gouging
Position: In opposition

HB 775 has a list of 12 items that listed are essential goods and services

All the items listed in this bill might not need to be under a declaration in a state of emergency depending on what the emergency is.

Example would be Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency on March 1, 2017, because of heroin and opioid crisis. This bill would have put 12 items in place automatically and kept in place for 90 after the emergency ended.

A major weather event forecast and the governor declared a state of emergency because of information on hand, and event turns out to be a non-event, we would still be under price controls for 90 days.

The governor should decide these items as needed and not be influenced by a list of Essential Goods and Services, or a length time after an event has ended.

Please give HB775 an unfavorable Report

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