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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 360  
Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

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**Prince George's County - Retail Service Station Dealers - Fuel Service**  
**PG 410-24**

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This bill (1) requires a retail gasoline service station in Prince George's County to provide, on request, fueling service to any individual between 6 a.m. and midnight and (2) subjects a dealer who violates the requirement to an existing penalty.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill does not materially affect governmental operations or finances. The application of an existing penalty is not expected to have a meaningful effect on general fund revenues.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect governmental operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In general, a retail gasoline service station dealer who reduces the price of motor fuel for self-service must provide, on request, fueling service at the self-service price to a disabled driver who displays a specified permit issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration. This requirement does not apply to (1) a gas station dealer who sells motor fuel from a convenience store that uses remotely controlled dispensing equipment and does not otherwise provide fueling service or (2) a station that is exclusively self-service, is operated by one cashier, and uses remotely controlled dispensing equipment. It also does not apply to a disabled driver who is reasonably capable of providing self-service or who drives a motor vehicle that carries another individual who is reasonably capable of

providing self-service. A retail service station dealer who violates these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine of up to \$25.

**Small Business Effect:** Owners of retail gasoline service stations in Prince George's County who typically have only one cashier on duty may need to hire at least one additional clerk to provide fueling service to any individual who requests it between 6 a.m. and midnight.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced with the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Prince George's County; Comptroller's Office; Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Legislative Services

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