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**By: Senator Ruben**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Registration of Retail Service Station Dealers - Extension of Conversion Moratorium**

3 FOR the purpose of extending to a certain date the conditional moratorium on the  
4 registration of retail service station dealers whose service stations are altered,  
5 enlarged, or structurally modified; and generally relating to retail service station  
6 dealers.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Business Regulation  
9 Section 10-304  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1992 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Business Regulation**

15 10-304.

16 (a) The Comptroller may not issue a certificate of registration to a retail service  
17 station dealer who markets motor fuel through a retail service station altered, enlarged,  
18 or structurally modified after July 1, 1977, and before [October 1, 1996] OCTOBER 1,  
19 2000, unless:

20 (1) the station contains an enclosed work area where the service of motor  
21 vehicles is offered to customers regardless of whether motor fuel is bought; and

22 (2) the services offered include a battery charge, lubrication, oil change, tire  
23 repair, and replacement of accessories such as fan belts, radiator hoses, or wiper blades.

24 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the Comptroller may issue a  
25 certificate of registration to a retail service station dealer who markets motor fuel  
26 through:

27 (1) a retail service station that, before it is altered, enlarged, or structurally  
28 modified, lacks an enclosed work area; or

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1                   (2) a retail service station that is altered, enlarged, or structurally modified  
2 if:

3                   (i) the appropriate county, municipal, or special zoning board or  
4 planning commission rules in favor of conversion to a gasoline-only outlet after  
5 considering the need of the public for this type of service in the locality; and

6                   (ii) the owner and retail service station dealer agree to the conversion.

7                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 1996.