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CHAPTER ____

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; altering the circumstances underwhich the
6 Comptroller is authorized to issue a certificate of registration to a certain retail
7 service station dealer; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally
8 relating to retail service station dealers.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Business Regulation
11 Section 10-304
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1992 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Business Regulation**

17 10-304.

18 (a) The Comptroller may not issue a certificate of registration to aretail service
19 station dealer who markets motor fuel through a retail service station altered, enlarged,
20 or structurally modified after July 1, 1977, and before [October 1, 1996] OCTOBER 1,
21 2000, unless:

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 ~~(ii) the owner and retail service station dealer agree to the conversion~~
14 OF THE RETAIL SERVICE STATION TO A GASOLINE-ONLY OUTLET.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 ~~October~~ June 1, 1996.