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Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of Session

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Rule 32(a) suspended

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation - Retail Service Stations - Operation**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a retail service station in this State from being operated
4 by a producer or refiner of motor fuel with any entity in which the producer or
5 refiner has a direct or indirect ownership or financial interest or is in any way
6 connected with any other business being operated at the retail service station.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Business Regulation
9 Section 10-311(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1992 Volume and 1996 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 10-311.

16 (a) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, each retail
17 service station in the State:

18 (1) shall be operated by a retail service station dealer; and

19 (2) may not be operated by a producer or refiner of motor fuel:

20 (i) with a commissioned agent, company personnel, [or] a subsidiary
21 company, OR ANY ENTITY IN WHICH THE PRODUCER OR REFINER HAS A DIRECT OR
22 INDIRECT OWNERSHIP OR FINANCIAL INTEREST OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER OR
23 IS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEING OPERATED AT THE
24 RETAIL SERVICE STATION; or

25 (ii) under a contract with a person who manages the station on a fee
26 arrangement with the producer or refiner.

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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 1997.