

SENATE BILL 605

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ENROLLED BILL
-- Finance/Economic Matters --

Introduced by **Senator Dorman**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gasoline Products - Sales**

3 FOR the purpose of suspending ~~the voluntary allowance uniformity provision for a~~
4 ~~certain time~~ until after a certain date, a requirement that a producer, refiner, or
5 wholesaler of motor fuel extend voluntary allowances uniformly to all retail
6 service station dealers supplied by the producer, refiner, or wholesaler;
7 providing for the application of this Act; requiring the Comptroller to conduct a
8 certain study of the effects of this Act on certain practices during a certain time
9 period and to submit a certain report by a certain date to certain legislative
10 committees; and generally relating to the sale of gasoline products.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Business Regulation
13 Section 10-312
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1992 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Business Regulation**

4 10-312.

5 Each producer, refiner, or wholesaler of motor fuel who supplies motor fuel to
6 retail service station dealers:

7 (1) AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2000, shall extend all voluntary allowances
8 uniformly to all retail service station dealers supplied;

9 (2) shall apply all equipment rentals uniformly to all retail service
10 station dealers supplied; and

11 (3) during periods of shortage:

12 (i) shall apportion uniformly and equitably all gasoline and special
13 fuel to all retail service station dealers supplied; and

14 (ii) may not discriminate among retail service station dealers
15 supplied in their allotments.

16 (4) ~~THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION DO NOT~~
17 ~~APPLY DURING THE TIME PERIOD AFTER JULY 1, 1998 THROUGH TO OCTOBER 1, 2000.~~

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
19 construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect
20 on or application to voluntary allowances or pricing practices before the effective date
21 of this Act.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Office of the
23 Comptroller shall study the effects of this Act on the pricing practices in the gasoline
24 market of the State between July 1, 1998 and December 31, 1998 and shall submit a
25 written report to the House Economic Matters Committee and the Senate Finance
26 Committee of the Maryland General Assembly on or before February 1, 1999.

27 SECTION ~~2. 4.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
28 effect July 1, 1998.