

SENATE BILL 107

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By: **Chairman, Finance Committee (By Request - Departmental -  
Comptroller)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation - Refueling Service - Drivers with Disabilities**

3 FOR the purpose of altering and clarifying the requirement that certain retail service  
4 station dealers provide certain services for certain drivers with disabilities;  
5 altering the application of a certain requirement that a retail service station  
6 dealer provide fueling services to certain drivers with disabilities; defining a  
7 certain term; and generally relating to requiring refueling services for drivers  
8 with disabilities.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Business Regulation  
11 Section 10-320  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2002 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 10-320.

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALER" INCLUDES ANY  
19 RETAIL OUTLET THAT SELLS MOTOR FUEL.

20 (B) A RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALER SHALL PROVIDE SIGNAGE TO ADVISE  
21 A CUSTOMER WITH DISABILITIES ON HOW TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE FOR FUELING  
22 SERVICE.

23 [(a)] (C) Except as provided in subsection [(b) or (c)] (D) OR (E) of this section,  
24 a retail service station dealer [who reduces the price of motor fuel for self-service]  
25 shall provide, on request, fueling service at the self-service price to a disabled driver

1 who displays a VALID disabled person's registration plate or parking permit [issued  
2 by the Motor Vehicle Administration].

3 [(b)] (D) This section does not apply to a retail service station dealer [who  
4 sells motor fuel from] OPERATED BY ONLY ONE EMPLOYEE PER SHIFT[:

5 (1) a convenience store that:

6 (i) sells motor fuel through remotely controlled dispensing  
7 equipment; and

8 (ii) does not provide fueling service; or

9 (2) a station that:

10 (i) is exclusively self-service;

11 (ii) is operated by 1 cashier; and

12 (iii) has remotely controlled dispensing equipment].

13 [(c)] (E) This section does not apply to a disabled driver who:

14 (1) is reasonably capable of providing self-service; or

15 (2) drives a motor vehicle that carries another individual who is  
16 reasonably capable of providing self-service.

17 [(d)] (F) A retail service station dealer who violates this section is guilty of a  
18 misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$25.

19 SECTION 2. AND IT BE FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2003.