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House Bill 128 (Delegate Owings)
(By Request)

Ways and Means

Motor Fuel Taxes - Display at Retail Service Stations

This bill requires that all dispensing equipment where motor fuel is sold for retail be marked in a conspicuous manner to show the combined amount of federal and State motor fuel taxes per gallon.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. All retail gas stations would be required to put labels on each pump indicating the amount of tax on each gallon of fuel and would incur minimal costs to label each pump both before the effective date of this bill and every time the federal or State motor fuel tax rate changes. According to the 1997 Economic Census, there were 1,743 establishments in Maryland that were classified as gasoline stations.

Analysis

Current Law: All dispensing equipment where motor fuel is sold for retail is only required to be marked in a conspicuous manner to show in numerals of equal size the price, including taxes, of a gallon of motor fuel offered for sale.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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