

HOUSE BILL 377

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CF SB 392

By: **Delegate Feldman**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Business Regulation – Registration of Retail Service Station Dealers and Sale**
3 **of Gasoline Products**

4 FOR the purpose of extending the expiration date of the conditional prohibition
5 against the Comptroller on the issuance of a certificate of registration to a retail
6 service station dealer who markets motor fuel through a retail service station
7 that has been altered, enlarged, or structurally modified; altering the date after
8 which a producer, refiner, or wholesaler of motor fuel is required to extend
9 voluntary allowances uniformly to all retail service station dealers that are
10 supplied by the producer, refiner, or wholesaler; and generally relating to
11 certificates of registration for retail service station dealers and the sale of
12 gasoline products.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Business Regulation
15 Section 10–304 and 10–312
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Business Regulation**

21 10–304.

22 (a) The Comptroller may not issue a certificate of registration to a retail
23 service station dealer who markets motor fuel through a retail service station altered,
24 enlarged, or structurally modified after July 1, 1977, and before October 1, [2009]
25 **2014**, unless:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

11 (2) a retail service station that is altered, enlarged, or structurally
12 modified if the owner and retail service station dealer agree to the elimination of an
13 enclosed work area.

14 10-312.

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

17 (1) after September 30, [2009] **2014**, shall extend all voluntary
18 allowances uniformly to all retail service station dealers supplied;

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

21 (3) during periods of shortage:

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

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

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2009.