

Chapter 720

(House Bill 1032)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Fuel ~~Refiner or Supplier~~ Suppliers – Games of Chance – ~~Repeal of Prohibition~~

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing a provision prohibiting a refiner or other supplier of motor fuel to a retail service station from engaging in, sponsoring, promoting, advertising, or otherwise performing or participating in certain games of chance that would be marketed or offered to the public at certain retail service stations; repealing a provision authorizing certain suppliers to participate in certain games of chance sponsored by entities other than certain refiners or suppliers of motor fuel; repealing a provision prohibiting certain suppliers from requiring certain retail station dealers to pay for certain costs~~ authorizing certain suppliers of motor fuel to engage in, sponsor, promote, advertise, or otherwise perform or participate in certain games of chance at certain retail service stations under certain circumstances; providing that certain suppliers authorized to participate in a game of chance may not require a retail service station to participate in the game of chance; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to games of chance and motor fuel ~~refiners or suppliers.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section 10–502

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Regulation

~~§~~10–502.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a refiner or other supplier of motor fuel to a retail service station may not engage in, sponsor, promote, advertise, or otherwise perform or participate in a game of chance to be marketed or offered to the public at a retail service station in the State.

(b) (1) A supplier of motor fuel authorized under this title to ~~operate~~ SUPPLY retail service stations may, at such stations, SPONSOR, PROMOTE,

ADVERTISE, OR OTHERWISE PERFORM OR participate in a game of chance ~~promoted or sponsored by entities other than a refiner or supplier of motor fuel~~ **IF THE RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALER AGREES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAME OF CHANCE.**

(2) A supplier of motor fuel authorized under this section to conduct a game of chance may not require a retail service station dealer to ~~pay for any costs related to~~ **PARTICIPATE IN** the game of chance.†

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2010.