HOUSE BILL 882

C2 4lr3253 CF SB 651

By: Delegate Rosenberg

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER

1	AN ACT	concerning

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Business Regulation – Sale of Motor Fuel – Pricing Signage (Gas Price Gouging Clarity Act)

FOR the purpose of <u>establishing that certain provisions governing signage at retail service</u> stations supersede inconsistent local law; altering a signage requirement for retail service stations relating to the price of regular gasoline; altering a signage authorization for retail service stations relating to the price of diesel and other motor fuel products; repealing an exemption from a certain signage requirement for retail service station dealers with not more than a certain number of dispensing units and nozzles; and generally relating to pricing signs at retail service stations.

- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 12 Article Business Regulation
- 13 Section 10–315
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Business Regulation

19 10–315.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

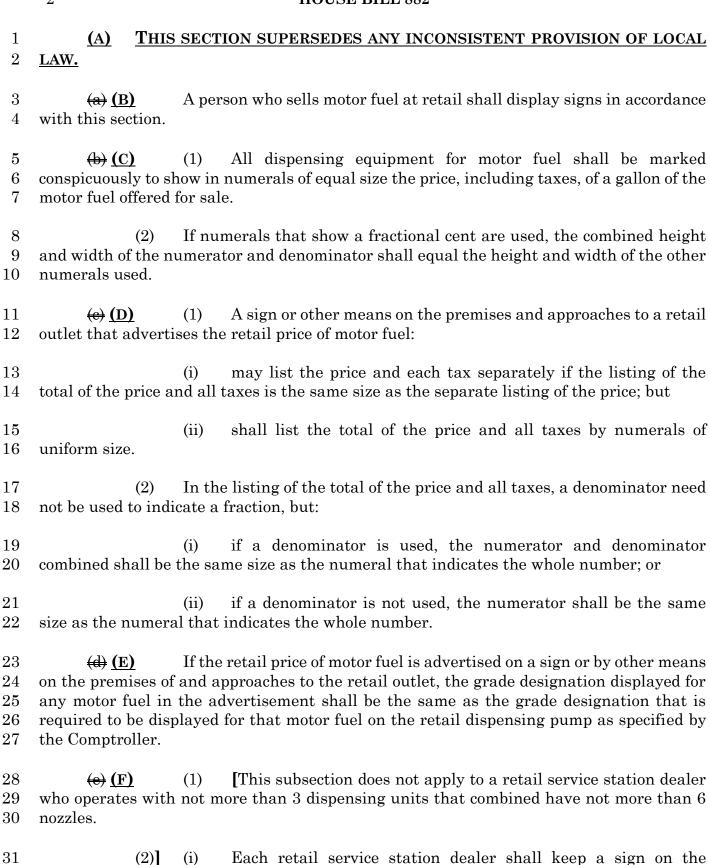
<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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premises that:



1 2 3	CLEARLY AND VISIBLY premises:	1. , for a	[states the lowest price] PROMINENTLY DISPLAYS whole measurement unit of regular gasoline sold on the			
4 5	CASH PRICE; OR	A.	THE CREDIT AND DEBIT PRICE, IF HIGHER THAN THE			
6		В.	THE CREDIT AND DEBIT PRICE AND THE CASH PRICE;			
7		2.	states the unit of measurement used; and			
8		3.	is readable by passing motorists.			
9 10 11	may [state the lowest price] PROMINENTLY DISPLAY CLEARLY AND VISIBLY, for a who					
12 13	CASH PRICE; OR	1.	THE CREDIT AND DEBIT PRICE, IF HIGHER THAN THE			
14		2.	THE CREDIT AND DEBIT PRICE AND THE CASH PRICE.			
15	[(3)] (2)	All nu	amerals on the sign shall:			
16	(i)	be un	iform;			
17	(ii) <u>BE THE SAME SIZE;</u>					
18	<u>(III)</u>	be at	least 8 inches high and 3.5 inches wide; and			
19	(iii) <u>(</u> 1	<u>v)</u>	have a brush stroke of at least 1 inch.			
20 21	[(4)] (3) A numeral in a fraction or a letter shall be at least one—third the height of a numeral that indicates a whole number.					
22 23 24	subsection, the supplier of the gasoline shall provide the sign and numerals without cost to					
25 26 27	(f) (G) A sign required at a service station by this section or any other State or federal law is exempt from the provisions of a local law, ordinance, or regulation for the purpose of determining:					

the total number of signs permitted; and

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the area of signs permitted.

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SECTION October 1, 2024.	2. AND BE	IT FURTHER	ENACTED,	That this	Act shall	take effect
Approved:						
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			Speaker of	the House	of Delegate	es.
]	President o	f the Sena	te.