



Montgomery County

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SB 178

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SPONSOR: Senator Kagan

ASSIGNED TO: Finance

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POSITION: Support (Office of Consumer Protection)

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

This bill seeks to make changes to the Business Regulation Article regarding signage at retail service stations. Current law requires that service stations keep signs on their premises that state the lowest price for a whole measurement unit of regular gasoline that is sold there. This bill amends the law to remove the requirement to state the lowest price and instead require service stations to have signs on their premises stating the credit and debit price and the cash price clearly and visibly.

The Office of Consumer Protection has received complaints from consumers who are confused by gas station signage. Not all stations post prices in the same manner, and it is not always clear what price will apply. It will benefit all consumers in Montgomery County to have better and more uniform disclosures of the price that they will pay for gas for all methods of payment, therefore the Office of Consumer Protection supports this legislation.