

SB178:

Gas Price Gouging

Ending “Bait & Switch” at MD Gas Stations



Gas Prices: A Recent History

- 84% of people say rising gas prices are a problem for their family – Fox News (Oct 2021)
- Highest price in over 7 years – AAA (Feb 2022)
- 34% increase in MD since February 2021 – MD State Wire (Feb 2022)

Pump Habits Data from GasBuddy

- 46% pay for gas with their credit card
- 24% pay with debit card
- That means only 30% pay with cash

Current law allows “Bait & Switch”



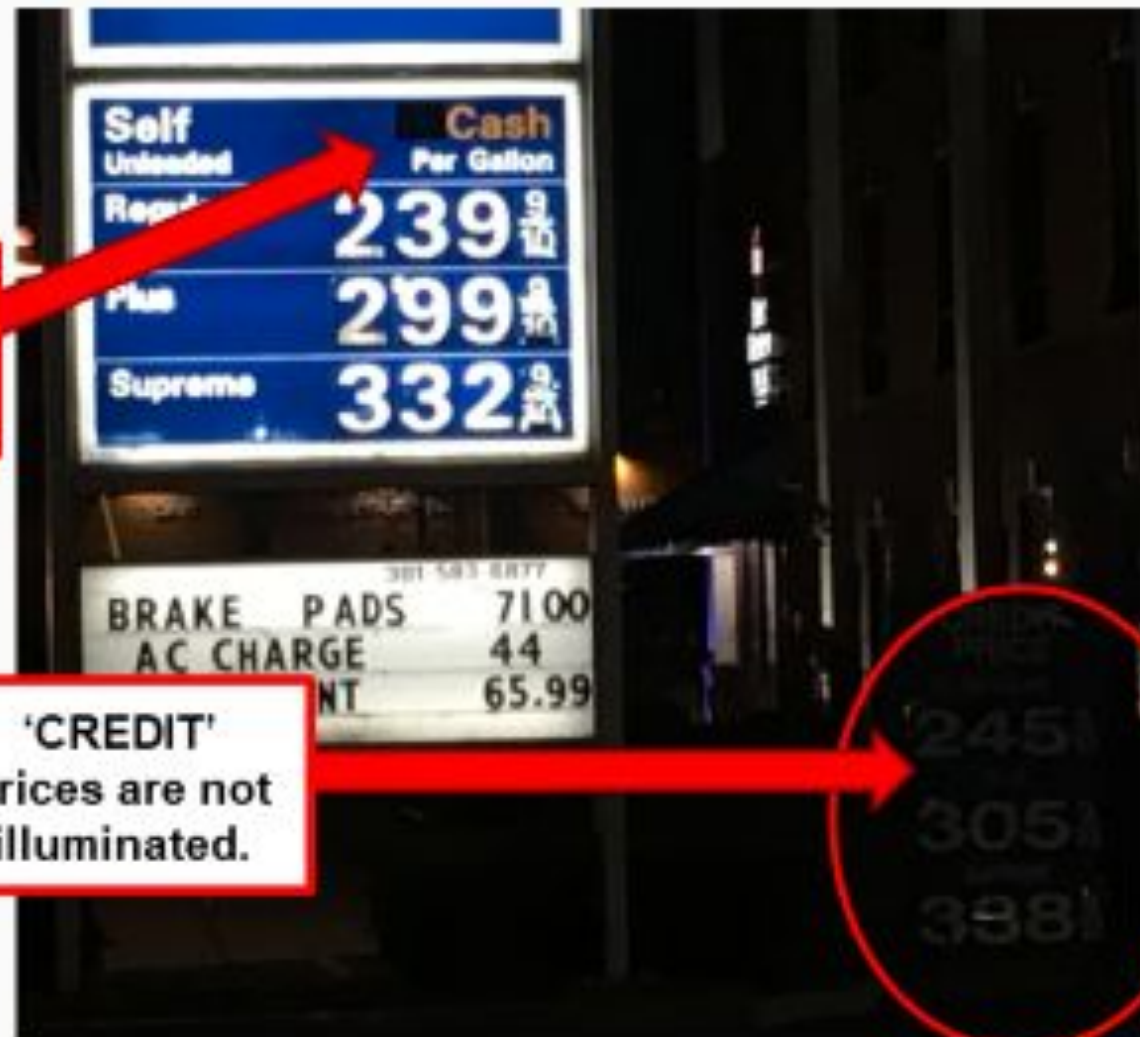
Bait & Switch is done by many brands of gasoline.



Many prices are impossible to see at night!

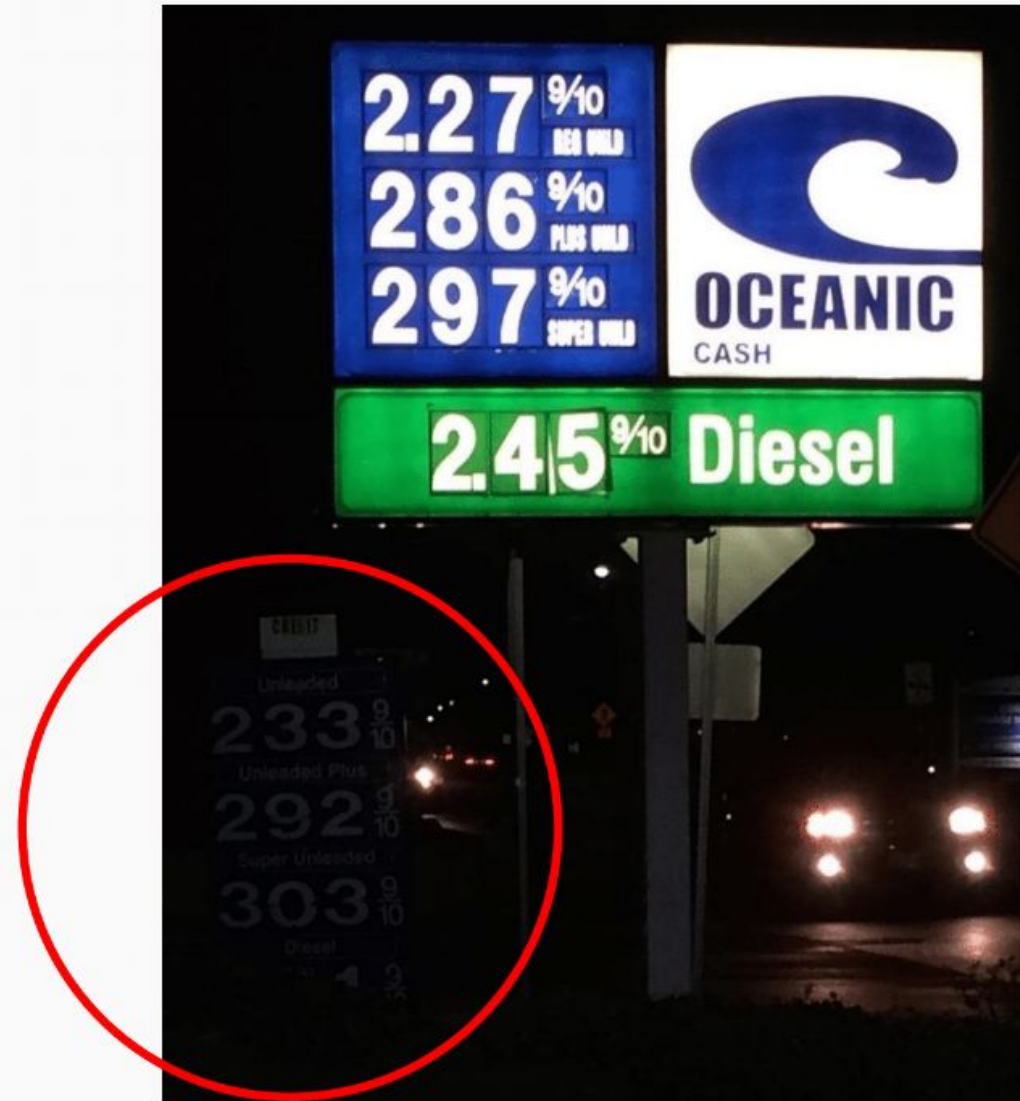


Lower cash prices are clearly visible, but 'CASH' is hard to see.



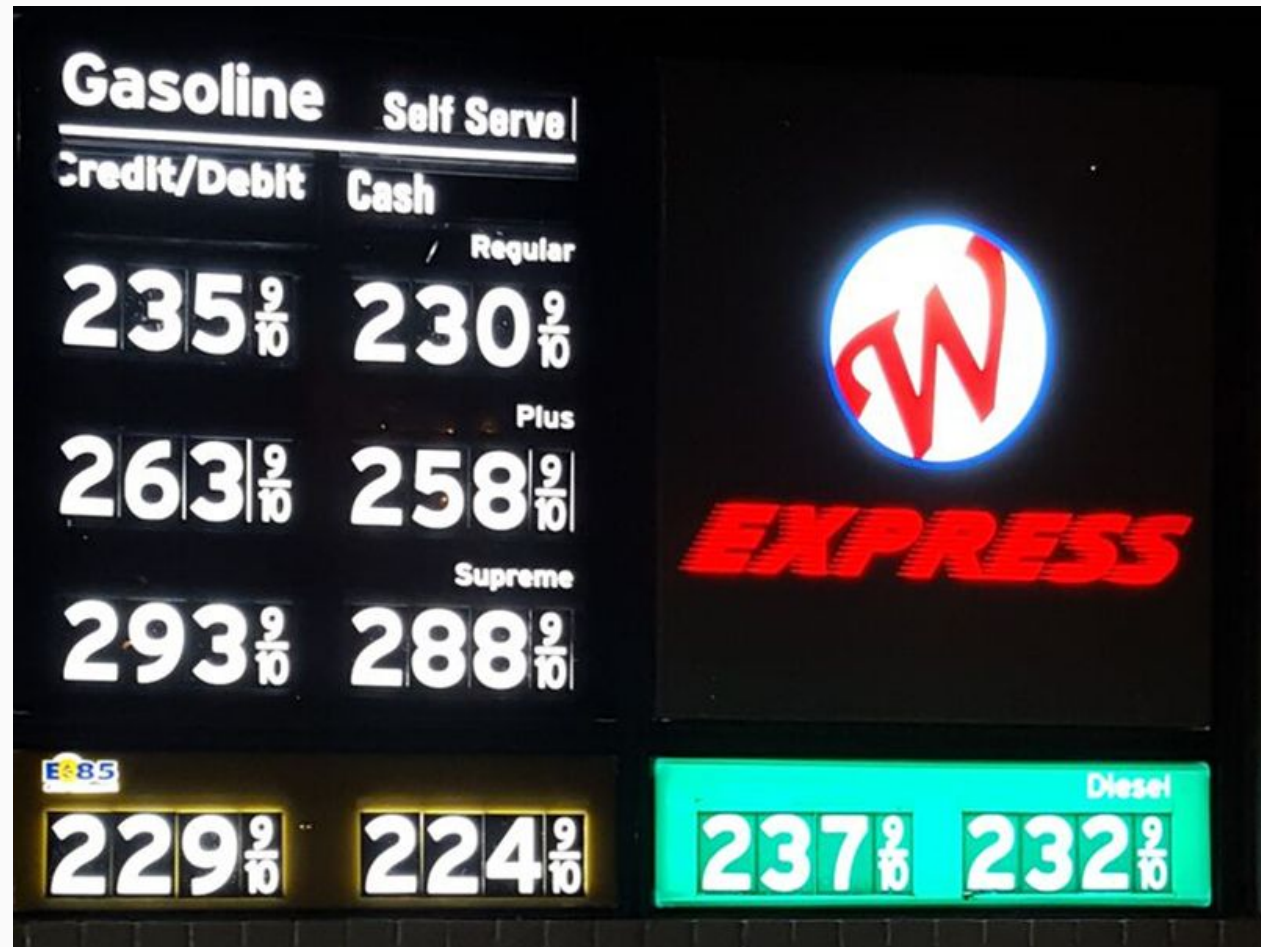
'CREDIT' prices are not illuminated.

Oceanic on West Street... credit price is totally blocked!



**SB178 would require stations to
clearly and visibly post the price
for credit and debit (if accepted),
as well as cash**

Both prices are posted clearly!



Illuminated and visible-- even at night!



10 states & NYC have laws to protect consumers from gas station “bait & switch.”

California (2017), Connecticut (2011), Delaware
(2010), Georgia (2010), Louisiana (1990),
Massachusetts (2013), Michigan (2012),
Minnesota (1994), New Jersey (2012), South
Dakota (1992),
& New York City (2013)