



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1232

Senate, April 2, 2001

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. PETERS of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT TO RESCIND THE TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR NOTICE
REQUIREMENT FOR FUEL PRICE CHANGES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 16a-21 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) No person, firm or corporation shall sell at retail fuel oil or
4 propane gas to be used for residential heating without placing the unit
5 price, clearly indicated as such, the total number of units sold and the
6 amount of any delivery surcharge in a conspicuous place on the
7 delivery ticket given to the purchaser or [his] an agent of the purchaser
8 at the time of delivery. No person, firm or corporation may bill or
9 otherwise attempt to collect from any purchaser of fuel oil or propane
10 gas an amount which exceeds the unit price multiplied by the total
11 number of units stated on the delivery ticket, plus the amount of any
12 delivery surcharge stated on the ticket. [No person, firm or corporation
13 shall sell at other than retail fuel oil or propane gas without giving

14 written notification of the unit price to any purchaser other than the
15 ultimate consumer twenty-four hours before delivery. Each person,
16 firm or corporation who sells, at other than retail, fuel oil or propane,
17 shall provide the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
18 with information concerning the price of fuel oil or propane gas
19 currently being charged its customers. Such notice shall be mailed to
20 the secretary at the same time and in the same manner as to the
21 purchaser.] For the purpose of this section, unit price means the price
22 per gallon computed to the nearest tenth of a whole cent.

23 (b) Any person, firm or corporation who violates subsection (a) of
24 this section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for the
25 first offense nor more than five hundred dollars for each subsequent
26 offense.

ET **JOINT FAVORABLE SUBST.**

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Minimal Savings

Affected Agencies: Office of Policy and Management

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

The bill would save the Office of Policy and Management about \$500 annually, since it would permit the agency to cancel its subscription to a service that provides notification of fuel price changes electronically. Under current law, violation of the twenty-four-hour notice requirement is punishable by fines. No fines have ever been levied under this provision. Therefore, the bill would have no impact on the amount of revenues from fines.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill eliminates requirements that fuel oil and propane wholesalers (1) provide written notice of the unit price of the fuel (calculated to the nearest one-tenth of one cent per gallon) to their distributors at least 24 hours before delivery and (2) simultaneously mail a copy of the notice to the Office of Policy and Management secretary. Under current law, violation of these provisions is punishable by a fine of up to \$100 for a first offense and up to \$500 for a subsequent offense.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 0