



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 854

LCO No. 2624

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING FAILURE TO PAY FOR GASOLINE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) Any person who
2 drives a motor vehicle from the premises of a retail service station
3 where gasoline or special fuel offered for sale was delivered into the
4 tank of such motor vehicle and fails to pay for the gasoline or special
5 fuel so delivered shall be subject to the penalties for larceny under
6 sections 53a-122 to 53a-125b, inclusive, of the general statutes,
7 depending on the value of such gasoline or special fuel involved.

8 (b) For the purposes of this section, proof of the registration number
9 of any motor vehicle involved in a violation of subsection (a) of this
10 section shall be prima facie evidence that the owner of such vehicle
11 was the operator thereof, except, in the case of a leased or rented motor
12 vehicle, proof of the registration number of such leased or rented
13 motor vehicle involved in a violation of subsection (a) of this section
14 shall be prima facie evidence that the lessee of such vehicle was the
15 operator thereof.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for penalties in cases involving persons who drive off from gas stations without paying for the gasoline pumped into the tanks of their vehicles.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]