



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 409**

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING GASOLINE SELLERS FROM INCREASING MARGINS AT THE TIME OF PERCEIVED MARKET DISRUPTIONS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any  
2 provision of the general statutes, no distributor, as defined in section  
3 14-318 of the general statutes shall cause the price of gasoline sold by  
4 such distributor to any retail dealer, as defined in section 14-318 of the  
5 general statutes, to be increased due to such distributor's knowledge of  
6 a perceived disruption in the gasoline market.

7 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no retail  
8 dealer, as defined in section 14-318 of the general statutes, shall  
9 increase the price of gasoline that such retail dealer sells to any  
10 consumer due to such retail dealer's knowledge of a perceived  
11 disruption in the gasoline market or due to an increase in the price of  
12 gasoline charged by a distributor to such retail dealer because of such  
13 distributor's knowledge of a perceived disruption in the gasoline  
14 market. For purposes of this section, "perceived disruption in the  
15 gasoline market" means any occurrence or information that causes the  
16 state, national or international gasoline market to increase the price or

17 value of gasoline regardless of the actual effect of such occurrence on  
18 the state, national or international gasoline market, as applicable, or  
19 regardless of the truth or actual effect of such information on the state,  
20 national or international gasoline market, as applicable.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To prevent gasoline prices from being increased before the actual effect of a disruption in the gasoline market is realized.

*[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.]*

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