



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 168**

January Session, 2013

Substitute House Bill No. 5907

*House of Representatives, March 26, 2013*

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. BARAM of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT REQUIRING THE DISPLAY OF DIESEL FUEL CETANE NUMBERS ON FUEL PUMPS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 16a-15 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2014*):

3 (a) Each person shall publicly display and maintain on each pump  
4 or other dispensing device from which any gasoline or other product  
5 intended as a fuel for aircraft, motor boats or motor vehicles is sold by  
6 such person, such signs as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,  
7 by regulation adopted pursuant to chapter 54, may require to inform  
8 the public of the octane rating and price of such gasoline or other  
9 product. Each person selling such gasoline or other product on both a  
10 full-serve and self-serve basis and displaying the price of such gasoline  
11 or other product at a location on the premises other than at a pump or  
12 other dispensing device shall include in such display both the full-  
13 serve and self-serve prices of such gasoline or other product, in such  
14 manner as the commissioner, by regulation, may require. All signs as

15 to price shall be the per-gallon price and shall not be the price of less or  
16 more than one gallon.

17 (b) Each person shall publicly display and maintain on each pump  
18 or other dispensing device from which any gasoline or other product  
19 containing more than one per cent by volume of ethanol, methanol or  
20 any other cosolvent, and intended as a fuel for aircraft, motor boats or  
21 motor vehicles is sold by such person, such signs as the Commissioner  
22 of Consumer Protection, by regulation adopted pursuant to chapter 54,  
23 may require to inform the public of the amount of methanol, ethanol or  
24 any other cosolvent contained in such gasoline or other product.

25 (c) Each person shall publicly display and maintain, in a like  
26 manner, size and print, on each sign on display to the general public  
27 intended to inform the public of the price of gasoline and each pump  
28 or other dispensing device from which any gasoline intended as a fuel  
29 for motor vehicles is sold by such person, such signs as the  
30 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, by regulation adopted  
31 pursuant to chapter 54, may require to inform the public of the price  
32 for such gasoline for such members of the public as any such sign that  
33 informs of the price of such gasoline for members of any club,  
34 members of any retail membership organization or persons who  
35 qualify for any special discount offer.

36 (d) Any manufacturer, hauler, blender, agent, jobber, consignment  
37 agent, or distributor who distributes gasoline, or other products  
38 intended as fuel for aircraft, motor boats, or motor vehicles, which  
39 contain one per cent or more alcohol by volume, shall state the  
40 percentage of alcohol and the type of alcohol on any invoice, bill of  
41 lading, shipping paper, or other documentation used in normal and  
42 customary business practices.

43 (e) Each person shall publicly display and maintain on each pump  
44 or other dispensing device from which any diesel fuel intended as a  
45 fuel for motor boats or motor vehicles is sold by such person, the  
46 minimum cetane number for such diesel fuel.

47        [(e)] (f) Any person who, by himself or herself or by his or her agent  
 48 or employee, violates any provision of this section or such regulations  
 49 shall be fined not less than fifty dollars or more than two hundred fifty  
 50 dollars.

51        [(f)] (g) A violation of subsection (c) of this section shall constitute  
 52 an unfair trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2014	16a-15

**GL**        *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	less than \$1,000	less than \$1,000

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

There is no cost to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) in requiring cetane numbers on fuel pumps as the DCP currently regulates and inspects fuel stations. Additionally, the bill results in a potential revenue gain of less than \$1,000 as fewer than five violations are anticipated in any one year.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of violations.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5907**

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE DISPLAY OF DIESEL FUEL CETANE NUMBERS ON FUEL PUMPS.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires anyone selling diesel to publicly display and maintain the minimum cetane number on each diesel pump or other dispensing device intended as fuel for motor boats or vehicles. Presumably, the bill requires the seller to display and maintain this information on a sign. (The cetane number is similar to the octane rating of gasoline and measures diesel combustion quality.) Violators are fined between \$50 and \$250.

By law, anyone selling, to the public, gasoline or other products intended as a fuel for aircraft, motor boats, or motor vehicles must publically display and maintain a sign on each pump or other dispensing device that informs the public of the per-gallon price.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014

**RELATED BILL**

The General Law Committee favorably reported SB 439, which prohibits gasoline sellers from using unreadable pumps.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/12/2013)