



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 439

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The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING GASOLINE PUMP DISPLAY SCREENS.

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

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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

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

16 to price shall be the per-gallon price and shall not be the price of less or
 17 more than one gallon. No person selling such gasoline or other
 18 product to the public shall utilize a pump or other dispensing device to
 19 dispense such gasoline or other product if such pump or other
 20 dispensing device has an unreadable digital display screen.

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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

For the purpose of consistency, "fuel" was changed to "gasoline".

GL *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) in disallowing the dispensing of petroleum products with an unreadable display screen as the DCP already monitors such devices for other violations.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 439*****AN ACT CONCERNING GASOLINE PUMP DISPLAY SCREENS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits anyone selling to the public, gasoline or other products intended as fuel for aircraft, motor boats, or motor vehicles from using a pump or other dispensing device that has an unreadable digital screen. Violators are fined between \$50 and \$250.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014

BACKGROUND***Gasoline Sign Requirements***

By law, anyone selling gasoline or other products is required to publically display and maintain a sign on each pump or other dispensing device that informs the public of the per-gallon price. Additionally, regulations require that, among other things, signs (1) state the price for full-serve, mini-serve, and self-serve; (2) be clearly visible from both sides of the pump; and (3) be a specified size (Conn. Agencies Reg. §§ 16a-15-9 and 16a-15a-1).

Related Bill

The General Law Committee favorably reported sHB 5907, which requires diesel sellers to display and maintain the minimum cetane number on each pump.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/12/2013)