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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF DEBIT CARDS FOR GASOLINE PURCHASES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 16a-15 of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 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.

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

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

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

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

47 minimum cetane number for such diesel fuel.

48 (f) Each person shall publicly display and maintain on each pump
49 or other dispensing device from which any gasoline intended as fuel
50 for motor boats or motor vehicles is sold by such person, such signs as
51 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, by regulation adopted
52 pursuant to chapter 54, may require to inform the public of whether, if
53 a discount is offered for payment by cash, payment for such gasoline
54 by debit card is processed at the credit card price per gallon or the cash
55 price per gallon.

56 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) Any person who, by himself or herself or by his or her agent
57 or employee, violates any provision of this section or such regulations
58 shall be fined not less than fifty dollars or more than two hundred fifty
59 dollars.

60 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) A violation of subsection (c) of this section shall constitute
61 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	October 1, 2014	16a-15

Statement of Purpose:

To require gas stations to clearly indicate on gas pumps whether debit cards are treated as cash or credit cards for gasoline purchases.

[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.]