



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 275

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Substitute House Bill No. 5296

House of Representatives, March 30, 2016

The Committee on Banking reported through REP. LESSER of the 100th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT AND DEBIT HOLDS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) No gas station or
2 convenience store that accepts credit or debit cards for the retail sale of
3 gasoline shall, without the knowledge and consent of the consumer,
4 place or allow a third party to place a hold on any credit or debit card
5 account in an amount larger than the actual purchase amount for the
6 gasoline without providing notice in conspicuous type and proximate
7 to the point of payment prior to the consumer's purchase.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, "credit hold on purchases" was changed to "hold on any credit or debit card account in an amount" and "for the gasoline" was

inserted before "without" for clarity and consistency with other provisions of the Section.

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

This bill prohibits gas stations and convenience stores that accept credit or debit card payments for the retail sale of gasoline from placing, or allowing a third party to place, a hold on any such card for an amount larger than the actual gasoline purchase without the customer's knowledge and consent or without notice. As this provision relates to private entities, it does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill prohibits gas stations and convenience stores that accept credit or debit card payments for the retail sale of gasoline from placing, or allowing a third party to place, a hold on any such card for an amount larger than the actual gasoline purchase without the customer's knowledge and consent or without notice. The notice must be (1) in conspicuous type and close to the point of payment and (2) given before the customer's purchase.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2016

COMMITTEE ACTION

Banking Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/15/2016)