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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 4, 2006

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AN ACT

1 Requiring the owners and operators of retail service stations to  
2 provide air hoses for public use; providing for enforcement  
3 by the State Bureau of Ride and Measurement Standards in the  
4 Department of Agriculture; and imposing a civil penalty.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Air Hoses for  
9 Fuel Economy Act.

10 Section 2. Legislative findings.

11 (1) The Department of Environmental Protection estimates  
12 that having poorly inflated tires wastes approximately 3% of  
13 fuel used in motor vehicles.

14 (2) The purpose of this legislation is to aid in fuel  
15 economy by making it easier and cost free to maintain proper  
16 air inflation.

17 Section 3. Definitions.

18 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall

1 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
2 context clearly indicates otherwise:

3 "Bureau." The State Bureau of Ride and Measurement Standards  
4 in the Department of Agriculture.

5 "Retail service station." A person, firm or corporation  
6 maintaining a place of business where gasoline or other vehicle  
7 fuel is sold and delivered into the tanks of motor vehicles,  
8 boats, motorboats or watercraft.

9 Section 4. Requirements.

10 (a) General rule.--

11 (1) A retail service station owner or operator must make  
12 available for public use a functioning air hose with a built-  
13 in means to check tire air pressure.

14 (2) Except as set forth in subsection (b), a retail  
15 service station owner or operator may not require payment or  
16 the use of a coin or token to operate an air hose.

17 (b) Exception.--A retail service station owner or operator  
18 that maintains an air hose that meets the requirements of  
19 subsection (a)(1) on the retail service station premises on the  
20 effective date of this act may offer tokens at no cost to  
21 customers for their use in operating the air hose. The retail  
22 service station owner or operator shall display at the place  
23 where the air hose is situated a notice stating that tokens are  
24 available free of charge.

25 Section 5. Repair or replacement.

26 If an air hose is not operable and in need of repair or  
27 replacement, a retail service station owner or operator shall  
28 post an out-of-order notice at the place where the air hose is  
29 situated. The retail service station owner or operator must  
30 effect the repair or replacement within 30 days from the date

1 the need for repair or replacement becomes known to the owner or  
2 operator.

3 Section 6. Civil penalty.

4 The bureau may assess a civil penalty of \$50 for each day of  
5 violation of this act by a retail service station owner or  
6 operator.

7 Section 7. Enforcement.

8 The bureau shall enforce the provisions of this act.

9 Section 8. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect in 90 days.