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WILSON AND DALEY, MARCH 23, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, MARCH 23, 1983

AN ACT

1 Providing for posting requirements for owners or operators of
2 retail service stations; and providing penalties.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Posting requirements.

6 (a) Price per gallon.--The owner or operator of a retail
7 service station shall post on the property of the business a
8 sign or signs displaying the price per gallon currently being
9 charged for its regular grade of gasoline and unleaded regular
10 grade of gasoline. If an unleaded regular grade of gasoline is
11 not offered for sale, the price for the unleaded premium grade
12 of gasoline shall be posted. Nothing in this subsection shall
13 preclude the posting of prices for other grades of gasoline
14 offered for sale.

15 (b) Size and display of numerals.--The numerals on such
16 signs, together with the words "Regular," "Unleaded Regular" or
17 "Unleaded Premium" for each such grade of gasoline, shall be

1 displayed in bold block lettering at least three inches in
2 height on a sign or signs clearly visible from the primary
3 roadway bordering the business property.

4 (c) Self-service.--If the prices displayed refer to the
5 price charged on condition that the customer operate the pump,
6 then the sign or signs displaying such prices shall bear the
7 words "Self-Service" in bold block lettering at least three
8 inches in height.

9 (d) Price posted shall be identified.--If the owner or
10 operator of a retail service station chooses to display the
11 price of grades of gasoline other than as required by subsection
12 (a) on a sign visible from a public highway, the sign shall
13 identify the grades and prices of the gasoline in bold block
14 lettering at least three inches in height. If the prices
15 displayed refer to the price charged on condition that the
16 customer operate the pump, then the sign shall also bear the
17 words "Self-Service" in the same size bold block lettering.

18 Section 2. Compliance with octane ratings.

19 No person shall sell or offer for sale gasoline represented
20 as a particular grade of gasoline unless such gasoline is in
21 conformance with standard octane ratings.

22 Section 3. Penalties.

23 Any owner or operator of a retail service station who
24 violates any provision of this act commits a summary offense and
25 shall, upon conviction, for the first offense be sentenced to
26 pay a fine not exceeding \$150 and for a second and each
27 subsequent offense be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding
28 \$300.

29 Section 4. Effective date.

30 This act shall take effect immediately.