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AN ACT

1 Providing for the regulation of gasoline and advertising;
2 requiring the posting of price per gallon at retail outlets;
3 and providing penalties.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Gasoline
8 Sales Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Low octane unleaded grade of gasoline." A grade of gasoline
14 which has .05 grams of lead per gallon or less and for which the
15 average of the Research Octane Number and the Motor Octane
16 Number $((RON + MON)/2)$ equals less than 87.

17 "Premium grade of gasoline." A grade of gasoline for which
18 the average of the Research Octane Number and the Motor Octane

1 Number $((RON + MON)/2)$ equals at least 91.

2 "Regular grade of gasoline." A grade of gasoline for which
3 the average of the Research Octane Number and the Motor Octane
4 Number $((RON + MON)/2)$ equals at least 89.

5 "Subregular grade of gasoline." A grade of leaded gasoline
6 for which the average of the Research Octane Number and the
7 Motor Octane Number $((RON + MON)/2)$ is less than 89.

8 "Unleaded premium grade of gasoline." A grade of gasoline
9 which has .05 grams of lead per gallon or less and for which the
10 average of the Research Octane Number and the Motor Octane
11 Number $((RON + MON)/2)$ equals at least 91.

12 "Unleaded regular grade of gasoline." A grade of gasoline
13 which has .05 grams of lead per gallon or less and for which the
14 average of the Research Octane Number and the Motor Octane
15 Number $((RON + MON)/2)$ equals at least 87.

16 Section 3. Posting requirements.

17 (a) Price per gallon.--The owner or operator of a retail
18 gasoline outlet shall post on the property of the business a
19 sign or signs displaying the price per gallon currently being
20 charged for its regular grade of gasoline and unleaded regular
21 grade of gasoline. If an unleaded regular grade of gasoline is
22 not offered for sale, the price for the unleaded premium grade
23 of gasoline shall be posted. Nothing in this subsection shall
24 preclude the posting of prices for other grades of gasoline
25 offered for sale.

26 (b) Size and display of numerals.--The numerals on the
27 signs, together with the words "Regular," "Unleaded Regular" or
28 "Unleaded Premium" for each grade of gasoline, shall be
29 displayed in bold block lettering at least three inches in
30 height on a sign or signs clearly visible from the primary

1 roadway bordering the business property.

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

7 (d) Price posted shall be identified.--If the owner or
8 operator of a retail gasoline outlet chooses to display the
9 price of grades of gasoline other than as required by subsection
10 (a) on a sign visible from a public highway, the sign shall
11 identify the grade and prices of the gasoline in bold block
12 lettering at least three inches in height. If the prices
13 displayed refer to the price charged on condition that the
14 customer operate the pump, then the sign shall also bear the
15 words "self-service" in the same size bold block lettering.
16 Section 4. Compliance with octane ratings.

17 No person shall sell or offer for sale gasoline represented
18 as a particular grade of gasoline unless the gasoline is in
19 conformance with the standard octane ratings prescribed in
20 section 2.

21 Section 5. Penalties.

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

28 Section 6. Effective date.

29 This act shall take effect in 90 days.