

**CHAPTER 380**  
**(House Bill 829)**

AN ACT concerning

**Business Regulation - Registration of Service Station Dealers and Sale of Gasoline Products**

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing~~ extending the expiration date of the conditional prohibition against the Comptroller of the State on the issuance of a certificate of registration to a retail service station dealer who markets motor fuel through a retail service station that has been altered, enlarged, or structurally modified; ~~repealing~~ extending the provision of law that requires a producer, refiner, or wholesaler of motor fuel to extend voluntary allowances uniformly to all retail service station dealers supplied by the producer, refiner, or wholesaler; and generally relating to certificates of registration for retail service station dealers and the sale of gasoline products.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Regulation

Section 10-304 and 10-312

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Business Regulation**

10-304.

(a) The Comptroller may not issue a certificate of registration to a retail service station dealer who markets motor fuel through a retail service station altered, enlarged, or structurally modified after July 1, 1977, ~~and before October 1, 2004~~ 2009, unless:

(1) the station contains an enclosed work area where the service of motor vehicles is offered to customers regardless of whether motor fuel is bought; and

(2) the services offered include a battery charge, lubrication, oil change, tire repair, and replacement of accessories such as fan belts, radiator hoses, or wiper blades.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the Comptroller may issue a certificate of registration to a retail service station dealer who markets motor fuel through:

(1) a retail service station that, before it is altered, enlarged, or structurally modified, lacks an enclosed work area; or