

REFINER ~~[[OR WHOLESALER OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SHALL OPERATE ANY CLASS OF RETAIL SERVICE STATION IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND]]~~ OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SHALL OPERATE A MAJOR BRAND, SECONDARY BRAND, OR UNBRANDED RETAIL SERVICE STATION IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, WITH COMPANY PERSONNEL, A SUBSIDIARY COMPANY, OR A COMMISSIONED AGENT.

(D) EVERY PRODUCER, REFINER, OR WHOLESALER OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUPPLYING GASOLINE AND SPECIAL FUELS TO RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALERS SHALL EXTEND ALL VOLUNTARY ALLOWANCES UNIFORMLY TO ALL RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALERS SUPPLIED.

(E) EVERY PRODUCER, REFINER, OR WHOLESALER OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUPPLYING GASOLINE AND SPECIAL FUELS TO RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALERS SHALL APPLY ALL EQUIPMENT RENTALS UNIFORMLY TO ALL RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALERS SUPPLIED.

(F) EVERY PRODUCER, REFINER OR WHOLESALER OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SHALL APPORTION UNIFORMLY ALL GASOLINE AND SPECIAL FUELS TO ALL RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALERS DURING PERIODS OF SHORTAGES ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS, AND SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE AMONG THE DEALERS IN THEIR ALLOTMENTS.

(G) THE COMPTROLLER MAY ADOPT RULES OR REGULATIONS DEFINING THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A PRODUCER OR REFINER TEMPORARILY MAY OPERATE A PREVIOUSLY DEALER-OPERATED STATION.

(H) THE COMPTROLLER MAY PERMIT REASONABLE EXCEPTIONS TO THE DIVESTITURE DATES SPECIFIED BY THIS SECTION AFTER CONSIDERING ALL OF THE RELEVANT FACTS AND REACHING REASONABLE CONCLUSIONS BASED UPON THOSE FACTS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

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CHAPTER 855

(Senate Bill 522)

AN ACT concerning

Commercial Feed Law - Customer-Formula Feed Manufacturers

FOR the purpose of requiring certain customer-formula