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CHAPTER 870

(Senate Bill 148)

AN ACT concerning

Retail Service Stations - Moratorium on Conversions

FOR the purpose of providing for a certain moratorium on existing service stations converting to gasoline-only facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses  
Section 157F(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The proper maintenance of the automobile is essential to the conservation of gasoline; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of Maryland rely on service stations for the maintenance of their automobiles; and

WHEREAS, Some major oil companies have been eliminating full-service station operations by converting them to gasoline-only outlets; and

WHEREAS, Dealers with full-service stations have served their clientele faithfully for many years and have established goodwill within their communities and with the citizens of the State of Maryland whom they serve; and

WHEREAS, Those travelers who travel through the State of Maryland must be assured of the availability of road service or emergency service for their safety and protection; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of the State of Maryland have voiced their needs by patronizing full-service stations for decades and would be placed at a severe disadvantage if these stations were unavailable; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 157F(a) of Article 56 - Licenses, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement