

CHAPTER 546

(Senate Bill 543)

AN ACT concerning

Registration of Retail Service Station Dealers

FOR the purpose of extending an existing conditional moratorium on the registration of full service retail service stations that are structurally modified; and clarifying a reference to certain zoning boards or planning commissioners, ~~and adding an additional condition that a documentation of public need be presented to a zoning board or planning commissioner before structural modification is permitted by a registered station.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses
Section 157F(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 56 - Licenses

157F.

(a) (1) Every motor fuel wholesaler, diesel fuel seller, heating oil distributor, manufacturer, refiner, jobber, and retail service station dealer before marketing gasoline and special fuels shall register with the Comptroller of the Treasury before selling or exposing or offering for sale any gasoline, other motor vehicle fuels or special fuels and shall register annually and shall make known to the Comptroller his desire to sell gasoline and special fuels giving the name and manner and kind of pump or pumps he will use and the location of same, and shall keep the certificate or certificates of registration issued by the Comptroller of the Treasury, posted in a prominent and accessible place in his place of business where such gasoline and special fuels are sold. The form of that certificate shall be designated by the Comptroller of the Treasury. Certificates of registration may not be issued to retail service station dealers marketing motor vehicle fuel through retail outlets enlarged, altered, or structurally modified [(other than as may be required by appropriate governmental authority) in any way] after July 1, 1977[,] AND before July 1, [1984,] 1988, UNLESS--A--BONA--FIDE PUBLIC--NEED,--WHICH--MAY--BE--THE--ONLY--BASIS--FOR--CONSIDERATION--AND APPROVAL--BY--COUNTY,--MUNICIPAL,--OR--SPECIAL--ZONING--BOARDS--OR PLANNING--COMMISSIONERS,--IS--FULLY--DOCUMENTED--AND unless the