

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1994.

Approved April 12, 1994.

CHAPTER 87

(Senate Bill 822)

AN ACT concerning

Service Station Dealers – Contracts with Producers or Refiners of Motor Fuel

FOR the purpose of providing that a producer or refiner of motor fuel may not include in any agreement or contract entered into with a service station dealer any provision that limits or waives certain rights of the service station dealer; providing that the contractual provisions that are prohibited by this Act are void and unenforceable if included in an agreement or contract covered by this Act; providing for the application of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and relating generally to the operation of retail service stations in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

- Article – Business Regulation
- Section 10-311(a) and (c)
- Annotated Code of Maryland
- (1992 Volume and 1993 Supplement)

BY adding to

- Article – Business Regulation
- Section 10-311.1
- Annotated Code of Maryland
- (1992 Volume and 1993 Supplement).

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

Article – Business Regulation

10-311.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each retail service station in the State:

- (1) shall be operated by a retail service station dealer; and
- (2) may not be operated by a producer or refiner of motor fuel:

(i) with a commissioned agent, company personnel, or a subsidiary company; or