SECTION 2. 3. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED. That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

May 18, 2000

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr. Speaker of the House State House Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 998 - Business Regulation - Registration of Service Station Dealers and Sale of Gasoline Products.

This bill extends to October 1, 2004, the conditional prohibition on the State Comptroller from issuing a certificate of registration to any service station dealer who markets motor fuels through retail service stations that have been structurally modified between July 1, 1977, and October 1, 2000. In addition the bill changes the date after which any motor fuel producer, refiner or wholesaler who supplies retail station dealers must extend voluntary allowances uniformly to all dealers to September 30, 2004.

Senate Bill 354, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me today, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 998.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

House Bill No. 998

AN ACT concerning

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

FOR the purpose of extending to a certain date a conditional prohibition against the Comptroller of the State issuing 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; altering the effective date of a certain provision of law that would require 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 the sale of gasoline products.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Regulation

Section 10-304 and 10-312