

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article - Business Regulation

10-304.

(a) The Comptroller may not issue a certificate of registration to a retail service station dealer who markets motor fuel through a retail service station altered, enlarged, or structurally modified after July 1, 1977, and before [October 1, 2000] OCTOBER 1, 2004, unless:

(1) the station contains an enclosed work area where the service of motor vehicles is offered to customers regardless of whether motor fuel is bought; and

(2) the services offered include a battery charge, lubrication, oil change, tire repair, and replacement of accessories such as fan belts, radiator hoses, or wiper blades.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the Comptroller may issue a certificate of registration to a retail service station dealer who markets motor fuel through:

(1) a retail service station that, before it is altered, enlarged, or structurally modified, lacks an enclosed work area; or

(2) a retail service station that is altered, enlarged, or structurally modified if the owner and retail service station dealer agree to the elimination of an enclosed work area.

10-312.

Each producer, refiner, or wholesaler of motor fuel who supplies motor fuel to retail service station dealers:

(1) after [September 30, 2000] SEPTEMBER 30, 2004, shall extend all voluntary allowances uniformly to all retail service station dealers supplied;

(2) shall apply all equipment rentals uniformly to all retail service station dealers supplied; and

(3) during periods of shortage:

(i) shall apportion uniformly and equitably all gasoline and special fuel to all retail service station dealers supplied; and

(ii) may not discriminate among retail service station dealers supplied in their allotments.

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