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CHAPTER 409
(Senate Bill 547)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Fuel Refiners and Suppliers - Games of Chance

FOR the purpose of allowing certain refiners and other suppliers of motor fuel to sponsor, promote, advertise, or otherwise perform or participate in a game of chance offered to the public, so long as the game of chance is not offered through a retail service station; retaining a certain exception; and generally relating to motor fuel refiners and suppliers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Regulation

Section 10-502

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article - Business Regulation

10-502.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a refiner or other supplier of motor fuel to a retail service station may not engage in, sponsor, promote, advertise, or otherwise perform or participate in a game of chance to be marketed or offered to the public ~~THROUGH~~ AT A RETAIL SERVICE STATION in the State.

(b) (1) A supplier of motor fuel authorized under this title to operate retail service stations may, at such stations, participate in a game of chance promoted or sponsored by entities other than a refiner or supplier of motor fuel.

(2) A SUPPLIER OF MOTOR FUEL AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION TO CONDUCT A GAME OF CHANCE MAY NOT REQUIRE A RETAIL SERVICE STATION DEALER TO PAY FOR ANY COSTS RELATED TO THE GAME OF CHANCE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

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