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SENATE BILL 73

Short Title: Gas Service for Handicapped.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Carpenter.

Referred to: Transportation.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR HANDICAPPED
3 PERSONS AT MOTOR FUEL FACILITIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
6 section to read:

7 "**§ 20-37.6B. Self-service motor fuel pumping; regulations.**

8 (a) Whenever a facility offers motor fuel to the general public from a self-service
9 island, and when there are two or more attendants on duty at the same time, one
10 attendant of the facility, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., shall dispense
11 motor fuel at the self-service price to any motor vehicle:

12 (1) Properly displaying a handicapped license plate or placard in
13 accordance with G.S. 20-37.6, or the equivalent from another state or
14 Canada;

15 (2) When the vehicle is operated by the person to whom the plate or
16 placard is registered;

17 (3) When there is no passenger over the age of 16 in the vehicle who is
18 capable of dispensing motor fuel; and

19 (4) When the service is requested.

20 (b) When the service required by subsection (a) of this section is provided:

21 (1) The attendant may require proof that the operator of the vehicle is the
22 owner of the vehicle to whom the license plate or placard has been
23 registered; and

1 (2) No other service shall be required from the attendant of the motor fuel
2 facility other than dispensing the gasoline.

3 (c) Every facility subject to this section shall post a notice containing the
4 International Symbol of Disability, with the following, or substantially similar language:
5 **'SELF-SERVICE PRICES AVAILABLE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 A.M.**
6 **AND 10:00 P.M. TO DISABLED PERSONS UPON REQUEST WHEN TWO OR**
7 **MORE ATTENDANTS ARE ON DUTY.'**

8 This notice shall be placed in a manner and location that is conspicuous to a motor
9 vehicle operator seeking refueling service. The Department of Agriculture, during its
10 routine inspections of motor fuel pumps, shall ensure that the signs are conspicuously
11 and properly displayed.

12 (d) An exception will be allowed when the only attendants are performing job
13 functions which, if unattended, will significantly jeopardize the security of the facility
14 or the results of the job being performed.

15 (e) Failure to provide the service required by this section shall be an infraction
16 and shall result in a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first offense and fifty
17 dollars (\$50.00) for each subsequent offense."

18 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 1994.