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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to allowing hands-free gas dispensing at self-service gas stations

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 396-xx to read as follows:

§ 396-xx. Hands-free gas dispensing. 1. Notwithstanding any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, any person, firm or corporation owning or operating a premises or facility for the retail sale of motor fuels for use in motor vehicles and offering self-service may equip gasoline and diesel fuel dispensing nozzles on the premises with hold open clips to allow for hands-free gasoline and diesel fuel dispensing.

2. Such hands-free gasoline and diesel fuel dispensing nozzles shall only be acceptable for use if:

(a) the gasoline and diesel fuel dispensing nozzles meet acceptable safety standards as set forth by law, rule or regulation; and

(b) a sign is posted in a clear and conspicuous manner indicating that any person, other than an attendant, who uses a hands-free gasoline or diesel fuel dispensing nozzle shall remain within ten feet and within plain sight of the refueling point during any refueling operation.

3. It shall be the responsibility of the person, firm or corporation owning or operating a premises or facility for the retail sale of motor fuels for use in motor vehicles to familiarize attendant employees of such premises or facility with the location and operation of the stations' emergency fuel shut-off switch.

4. For purposes of this section, "hold open clip" means a small metal lever within a gas pump handle which allows a gasoline or diesel fuel dispensing nozzle to continue pumping gasoline or diesel fuel without an individual having to manually and continuously hold the gas pump handle.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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