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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to providing gas station assistance to disabled motorists

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 396-bb of the general business law are renumbered subdivisions 3 and 4 and a new subdivision 2 is added to read as follows:

2 2. a. Any gasoline station offering the public sale of gasoline at
3 self-service islands shall provide a minimum of one self-service island
4 device that allows a disabled person, parked at that station in a vehi-
5 cle displaying a disabled license plate issued by New York state or a
6 valid disabled license plate issued by any other state, or a valid disa-
7 bled license plate issued by the federal government, to signal an
8 employee that the driver requires assistance in dispensing motor fuel.
9 An attendant shall then arrive to dispense motor fuel at no additional
10 cost beyond the price that the fuel is being offered to the general
11 public. A device shall be installed that alerts the employee inside the
12 building that assistance is required at the pump, and shall be mounted
13 between thirty-four and forty-eight inches from the ground. A sign shall
14 be conspicuously posted at the self-service station that meets the Amer-
15 ican Disability Act Accessibility Guidelines identifying the call device
16 and the hours when assistance will be available and operable from the
17 vehicle.

18 b. The gasoline station shall not be required to provide the service
19 provided for in paragraph a of this subdivision during times when such
20 station is being operated on a remote control basis by only one employee
21 and a passenger in that vehicle is reasonably capable of dispensing
22 motor fuel. Paragraph a of this subdivision shall not apply to gasoline
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 stations that are operated by one cashier and remote control equipment
2 for dispensing motor fuel.

3 c. If an owner owns only one gasoline station in New York state, then
4 that gas station must be in compliance within one year of the effective
5 date of this subdivision. If an owner owns more than one gasoline
6 station in New York state then the owner must make at least fifty
7 percent of those gasoline stations compliant with this subdivision with-
8 in one year of the effective date of this subdivision. In either case
9 the owner must be in compliance within three years of the effective date
10 of this subdivision.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.