

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to motor fuel pollution and health impact labelling requirements

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

1 Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new
2 section 192-d to read as follows:

3 § 192-d. Motor fuel pollution and health impact labelling require-
4 ments. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have
5 the following meanings:

6 (a) "Distributor" shall mean any person who transports or stores or
7 causes the transportation or storage of gasoline at any point between
8 any plant at which gasoline is produced and any retail outlet or facili-
9 ty of a wholesale purchaser-consumer.

10 (b) "Motor fuel" shall mean any petroleum product, including any gaso-
11 line or diesel motor fuel, which is used for the propulsion of
12 motor vehicles.

13 (c) "Refiner" shall mean any person who owns, leases, operates,
14 controls or supervises a plant at which gasoline is produced.

15 (d) "Reseller" shall mean any person who purchases gasoline identified
16 by the corporate, trade or brand name of a refiner from such refiner or
17 a distributor and resells or transfers it to retailers or wholesale
18 purchaser-consumers displaying the refiner's brand, and whose assets or
19 facilities are not substantially owned, leased or controlled by such
20 refiner.

21 (e) "Retail outlet" shall mean any establishment at which motor fuel
22 is sold or offered for sale for use in motor vehicles.

23 (f) "Retailer" shall mean any person who owns, leases, operates,
24 controls, or supervises a retail outlet.

25 (g) "Wholesale purchaser-consumer" shall mean any organization that is
26 an ultimate consumer of gasoline and which purchases or obtains gasoline
27 from a supplier for use in motor vehicles and receives delivery of that

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

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1 product into a storage tank of at least five hundred fifty gallon capac-
2 ity substantially under the control of that organization.

3 2. Every retailer and wholesale purchaser-consumer shall affix to each
4 gasoline pump stand in a location so as to be readily visible to the
5 employees of such retailer or wholesale purchaser-consumer and to any
6 person operating motor vehicles into which gasoline is to be dispensed a
7 sign with at least one-quarter inch block letters on a contrasting back-
8 ground:

9 "WARNING: USE OF THIS PRODUCT RELEASES AIR POLLUTANTS AND GREENHOUSE
10 GASES, KNOWN BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO BE LINKED TO SIGNIFICANT HEALTH
11 IMPACTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE."

12 3. (a) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee, or the direc-
13 tor of a municipal consumer affairs office or such director's designee,
14 and/or a municipal director of weights and measures or such director's
15 designee, upon presentation of appropriate credentials, shall be author-
16 ized to enter during regular business hours upon or through the business
17 premises of any person who sells or offers for sale motor fuel, for the
18 purposes of making inspections to determine compliance with the
19 provisions of this section or any rules or regulations promulgated here-
20 under and under section one hundred seventy-nine of this article.

21 (b) Whenever the commissioner, or the director of a municipal consumer
22 affairs office and/or a municipal director of weights and measures, has
23 reason to believe that a violation of this section or any rule or regu-
24 lation adopted pursuant to this section has occurred, they shall be
25 authorized to make such investigation as they shall deem necessary, and
26 to the extent necessary for this purpose, they may examine any person
27 and may compel the production of all relevant records.

28 (c) Any person subject to the provisions of this section shall main-
29 tain such written records as the commissioner, or the director of a
30 municipal consumer affairs office and/or a municipal director of weights
31 and measures, may prescribe by regulation.

32 4. (a) Any person who violates the provisions of this section or any
33 rules or regulations promulgated thereunder shall be liable for a civil
34 penalty of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than ten thousand
35 dollars.

36 (b) In the case of a violation through continuing failure to comply
37 with any of the provisions of this section or any rules or regulations
38 promulgated thereunder, each day of the continuance of such failure
39 shall be treated as a separate violation.

40 (c) The civil penalties prescribed by the provisions of this subdivi-
41 sion may be imposed by the commissioner, or by the director of a municipi-
42 pal consumer affairs office or a municipal director of weights and meas-
43 ures, as the case may be, after due notice and an opportunity to be
44 heard have been provided or may be recovered in a civil action in the
45 name of the state, or the municipality, as the case may be, commenced in
46 a court of competent jurisdiction. A right of action for the recovery of
47 a liability for the civil penalties incurred as provided in this section
48 may be released, settled or compromised by the commissioner or the
49 director of a municipal consumer affairs office or a municipal director
50 of weights and measures before the matter is referred to the attorney
51 general as provided in section forty-four of this chapter, or by the
52 attorney for the municipality, as the case may be, and thereafter may be
53 released, settled or compromised by the attorney general or the attorney
54 for the municipality, as the case may be, either before or after an
55 action is brought to recover such penalty. The commissioner or a direc-
56 tor of a municipal consumer affairs office or a municipal director of

1 weights and measures may apply for an injunction to restrain any person
2 subject to the provisions of this section from the further violation of
3 such provisions or for such other relief as the court deems proper. Any
4 plaintiff seeking such relief shall not be required to furnish security
5 and the costs of the application may be granted in the discretion of the
6 court.

7 (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the commissioner, or the director
8 of a municipal consumer affairs office and/or a municipal director of
9 weights and measures, as the case may be, in a manner consistent with
10 the rules, regulations or policies of such commissioner or director or
11 directors, as the case may be, shall cause to be published once each
12 month the name and business location of any person, firm or corporation
13 that has been found to have violated any provision of this section
14 during the month immediately preceding.

15 (e) The provisions of sections thirty-nine, forty and forty-one of
16 this chapter shall not apply to a violation described in this subdivi-
17 sion.

18 5. The provisions of this section and the regulations promulgated
19 thereunder may be enforced concurrently by the director of a municipal
20 consumer affairs office and/or a municipal director of weights and meas-
21 ures, except that nothing in this section or in subdivision three,
22 twelve or nineteen of section one hundred seventy-nine of this article
23 or in section one hundred ninety-two-a or one hundred ninety-two-c of
24 this article shall be construed to prohibit a political subdivision of
25 the state from also continuing to implement and enforce any local law
26 and regulations that were in effect prior to the effective date of this
27 section, and any subsequent amendments thereto, provided such local law
28 and regulations or amendments thereto are not inconsistent with require-
29 ments imposed by the provisions of this section or by regulations
30 adopted pursuant to this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of
31 section forty-five of this chapter, all moneys collected hereunder at
32 the instance of a municipal enforcement officer shall be retained by the
33 municipality.

34 6. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to limit or restrict the
35 authority of the commissioner of environmental conservation to adopt
36 rules and regulations that affect the composition, storage, transport,
37 handling or commerce of motor fuel for the purpose of preventing or
38 decreasing pollution pursuant to the environmental conservation law.

39 7. The commissioner shall have the authority to promulgate such rules
40 and regulations as the commissioner shall deem necessary to effectuate
41 the purposes of this section, consistent with its provisions.

42 § 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
43 law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any
44 rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its
45 effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such
46 effective date.