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Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- 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 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:

1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section
2 396-xx to read as follows:

3 § 396-xx. Hands-free gas dispensing. 1. Notwithstanding any other law,
4 rule or regulation to the contrary, any person, firm or corporation
5 owning or operating a premises or facility for the retail sale of motor
6 fuels for use in motor vehicles and offering self-service may equip
7 gasoline and diesel fuel dispensing nozzles on the premises with hold
8 open clips to allow for hands-free gasoline and diesel fuel dispensing.

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

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

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

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

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

26 § 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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