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HOUSE BILL 138*

Short Title: Gas Service for Handicapped.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ives; and Bowman.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR HANDICAPPED
PERSONS AT MOTOR FUEL FACILITIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) When the service is requested.

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

(1) The attendant may require proof that the operator of the vehicle is the owner of the vehicle to whom the license plate or placard has been 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.