

SENATE BILL 277

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By: **Senators Middleton and Mathias**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Fuel Suppliers and Retail Service Station Dealers – Promotion – Sales**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain supplier of motor fuel to a retail service station
4 to sponsor, promote, advertise, or otherwise perform or participate in games of
5 chance at the retail service station if the retail service station agrees to participate;
6 prohibiting a supplier of motor fuel authorized to conduct a game of chance from
7 requiring a retail service station dealer to participate in the game of chance;
8 repealing the prohibition on a supplier of motor fuel requiring a retail service station
9 dealer to pay certain costs related to a game of chance; and generally relating to
10 participation in games of chance by motor fuel suppliers and retail service station
11 dealers.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Business Regulation
14 Section 10–502
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Business Regulation**

20 10–502.

21 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a refiner or other supplier
22 of motor fuel to a retail service station may not engage in, sponsor, promote, advertise, or
23 otherwise perform or participate in a game of chance to be marketed or offered to the public
24 at a retail service station in the State.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (1) A supplier of motor fuel authorized under this title to [operate] **SUPPLY**
2 retail service stations may, at such stations, **SPONSOR, PROMOTE, ADVERTISE, OR**
3 **OTHERWISE PERFORM OR** participate in a game of chance [promoted or sponsored by
4 entities other than a refiner or supplier of motor fuel] **IF THE RETAIL SERVICE STATION**
5 **DEALER AGREES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAME OF CHANCE.**

6 (2) A supplier of motor fuel authorized under this section to conduct a game
7 of chance may not require a retail service station dealer to [pay for any costs related to]
8 **PARTICIPATE IN** the game of chance.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2016.