## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## State of Illinois

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#### SB1860

Introduced 2/15/2013, by Sen. Mike Jacobs

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

815 ILCS 365/2

from Ch. 121 1/2, par. 1502

Amends the Motor Fuel Sales Act. Provides that gasoline stations and service stations must provide a minimum of one fueling site with a calling device that allows the disabled operator of a motor vehicle to request refueling assistance; sets forth minimum specifications for such a calling device. Provides that gasoline stations and service stations also must let patrons know, through appropriate signs, that customers with disabilities can obtain refueling assistance by using the calling device. Removes provisions providing civil penalties enforced by the Department of Agriculture.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning sales.

# 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Motor Fuel Sales Act is amended by changing
Section 2 as follows:

6 (815 ILCS 365/2) (from Ch. 121 1/2, par. 1502)

(Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 97-1152)

8 Sec. 2. Assistance at stations with self-service and 9 full-service islands.

(a) Any attendant on duty at a gasoline station or service 10 station offering to the public retail sales of motor fuel at 11 self-service and full-service islands 12 both shall, upon 13 request, dispense motor fuel for the driver of a car which is 14 parked at a self-service island and displays: (1) registration plates issued to a physically disabled person pursuant to 15 16 Section 3-616 of the Illinois Vehicle Code; (2) registration 17 plates issued to a disabled veteran pursuant to Section 3-609 or 3-609.01 of such Code; or (3) a special decal or device 18 19 issued pursuant to Section 11-1301.2 of such Code; and shall 20 only charge such driver prices as offered to the general public 21 for motor fuel dispensed at the self-service island. However, 22 such attendant shall not be required to perform other services which are offered at the full-service island. 23

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1 (b) Gasoline stations and service stations in this State 2 are subject to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and 3 must:

4 (1) provide refueling assistance upon the request of an
5 individual with a disability (A gasoline station or service
6 station is not required to provide such service at any time
7 that it is operating on a remote control basis with a
8 single employee on duty at the motor fuel site, but is
9 encouraged to do so, if feasible.);

10 (1.5) provide a minimum of one fueling site with a 11 calling device that allows the disabled operator of a motor 12 vehicle to request refueling assistance; the calling 13 device must meet the following minimum specifications:

14(A) it must provide a recognizable signal inside15the retail establishment that a driver needs16assistance operating the pump;

17 (B) it must be able to be operated from the vehicle by a person with limited manual dexterity using only 18 19 one hand without requiring tight grasping or pinching; 20 (C) it must be mounted at a height between 34 and 21 48 inches from the ground; and 22 (D) it must be operable from the vehicle in 23 accordance with all requirements of the Americans with 24 Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines; 25 (2) let patrons know, through appropriate signs, that 26 customers with disabilities can obtain refueling

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assistance by using the calling device by January 1, 2014, 1 2 provide and display at least one ADA compliant motor fuel dispenser with a direct telephone number to the station 3 that allows a disabled operator of a motor vehicle 4 5 request refueling assistance, with the telephone number 6 posted in close proximity to the International Symbol of Accessibility required by the federal Americans with 7 8 Disabilities Act, however, if the station does not have at 9 least one ADA compliant motor fuel dispenser, the station 10 must display on at least one motor fuel dispenser a direct 11 telephone number to the station that allows a disabled 12 operator of a motor vehicle to request refueling 13 assistance; and

14 (3) provide the refueling assistance without any15 charge beyond the self-serve price.

16 (c) The signage required under paragraph (2) of subsection 17 (b) shall be designated by the station owner and shall be 18 posted in a prominently visible place. The sign shall be 19 clearly visible to customers.

20 (d) The Secretary of State shall provide to persons with 21 disabilities information regarding the availability of 22 refueling assistance under this Section by the following 23 methods:

(1) by posting information about that availability on
the Secretary of State's Internet website, along with a
link to the Department of Human Services website; and

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(2) by publishing a brochure containing information about that availability, which shall be made available at all Secretary of State offices throughout the State.

4 (e) The Department of Human Services shall post on its 5 Internet website information regarding the availability of 6 refueling assistance for persons with disabilities and the 7 addresses and telephone numbers of all gasoline and service 8 stations in Illinois.

9 (f) A person commits a Class C misdemeanor if he or she 10 telephones a gasoline station or service station to request 11 refueling assistance and he or she:

12 (1) is not actually physically present at the gasoline13 or service station; or

14 (2) is physically present at the gasoline or service
15 station but does not actually require refueling
16 assistance.

17 The Department of Transportation shall work in (q) cooperation with appropriate representatives of gasoline and 18 service station trade associations and the petroleum industry 19 20 to increase the signage at gasoline and service stations on interstate highways in this State with regard to the 21 22 availability of refueling assistance for persons with 23 disabilities.

(h) If an owner of a gas station or service station is
found by the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Bureau of
Weights and Measures, to be in violation of this Act, the owner

1	shall pay an administrative fine of \$250. Any moneys collected
2	by the Department shall be deposited into the Motor Fuel and
3	Petroleum Standards Fund. The Department of Agriculture shall
4	have the same authority and powers as provided for in the Motor
5	Fuel and Petroleum Standards Act in enforcing this Act.
6	(Source: P.A. 97-1152, eff. 6-1-13.)