

HOUSE No. 5548

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 24, 1972.

The committee on Commerce and Labor, to whom were referred so much of the recommendations of the Consumers' Council (House, No. 45) as relates to protecting the consuming public as to the quality of petroleum product purchased for motor fuel purposes (accompanied by bill, House, No. 54); the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 229) of Allan R. McKinnon for legislation to require motor fuel to be registered according to brand name; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 257) of I. Edward Serlin for requiring retail dealers in motor fuel to display a sign specifying the octane of motor fuel sold in each pump. and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3488) of Manuel Raposa, Jr., and Antone S. Aguiar, Jr., relative to the quality of petroleum products purchased for motor fuel purposes, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5548) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE QUALITY OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS PURCHASED FOR A MOTOR FUEL PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as
follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 295F of Chapter 94 of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the
3 following paragraph: —

4 All pumps or other dispensing devices from which motor fuel
5 is sold by a retail dealer shall bear, in a conspicuous place
6 thereon, a number indicating the octane rating of the motor fuel
7 dispensed therefrom. The director shall promulgate and may
8 from time to time amend rules and regulations prescribing the
9 manner of posting, and standard methods for determining, such
10 number, provided that such rules or regulations are not incon-
11 sistent with regulations of the Federal Trade Commission or
12 other federal law then in effect relating to the same subject
13 matter.

1 SECTION 2. Section 295G of Chapter 94 of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the
3 following new paragraph: —

4 The director shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing
5 standard quality specifications for motor fuel including, where
6 necessary, standard methods for the determination or measure-
7 ment thereof. Every manufacturer or distributor of motor fuel
8 shall file with the director the identifying specifications, as thus
9 established or determined, of each brand of motor fuel offered
10 for sale.