

By Mr. Buglione of Methuen, petition of Nicholas J. Buglione for legislation to prohibit the ownership of retail service stations by petroleum producers and refiners. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five. :

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE OWNERSHIP OF RETAIL SERVICE STATIONS BY PETROLEUM PRODUCERS AND REFINERS.

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

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law,
2 rule, or regulation to the contrary:—

3 (a) after July 1, 1987, no producer or refiner of petroleum prod-
4 ucts shall open a major brand, secondary brand or unbranded
5 retail service station in the state of Massachusetts, and operate it
6 with company personnel, a subsidiary company, commissioner
7 agent, or under a contract with any person, firm or corporation,
8 managing a service station on a fee arrangement with the producer
9 or refiner. The station must be operated by a retail service station
10 dealer.

11 (b) after July 1, 1987, no producer or refiner of petroleum prod-
12 ucts shall operate a major brand, secondary brand, or unbranded
13 retail service station in the state of Massachusetts, with company
14 personnel, a subsidiary company, commissioned agent, or under a
15 contract with any person, firm or corporation managing a service
16 station on a fee arrangement with the producer or refiner. The
17 station must be operated by a retail service station dealer.

18 (c) every producer, refiner, or wholesaler of petroleum products
19 supplying gasoline and special fuels to retail service station dealers
20 shall extend all voluntary allowances uniformly to all retail service
21 station dealers supplied.

