

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB5235

Introduced 1/24/2006, by Rep. Robert S. Molaro

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

815 ILCS 505/2XX new

Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Provides that it is an unlawful practice for a retailer who sells motor fuel to increase the price that he or she charges for the motor fuel, unless the cost that the retailer pays to his or her supplier or distributor increases and the retailer has actually purchased motor fuel at that increased price.

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1 AN ACT concerning business.

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

- Section 5. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
 Practices Act is amended by adding Section 2XX as follows:
- 6 (815 ILCS 505/2XX new)
- 7 Sec. 2XX. Motor fuel price gouging.
- 8 (a) A retailer who sells motor fuel may not increase the
- 9 price that he or she charges for the motor fuel, unless the
- 10 cost that the retailer pays to his or her supplier or
- 11 <u>distributor increases and the retailer has actually purchased</u>
- 12 motor fuel at that increased price.
- 13 (b) Violation of this Section constitutes an unlawful
- 14 practice within the meaning of this Act.
- (c) For purposes of this Section:
- 16 "Distributor" has the definition set forth in Section 1.2
- of the Motor Fuel Tax Law.
- 18 "Motor fuel" has the definition set forth in Section 1.1 of
- 19 the Motor Fuel Tax Law.
- "Retailer" means a person who holds himself or herself out
- 21 as being engaged (or who habitually engages) in selling fuel at
- 22 <u>retail.</u>
- 23 "Supplier" has the definition set forth in Section 1.14 of
- 24 <u>the Motor Fuel Tax Law.</u>