

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1401

H. P. 957

House of Representatives, March 8, 1967

Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Levesque of Madawaska.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Establish the Quality Rating of Gasoline.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 10, § 1663, additional. Title 10 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1663, to read as follows:

§ 1663. Quality rating of gasoline

The Agriculture and Experiment Station Director of the State of Maine by the use of American Standard Testing Methods shall set minimum octane requirements for various grades of gasoline to be sold in the State of Maine. In determining the minimum standards of various grades of gasoline, the director may contact the sales and marketing engineering departments of all major oil companies doing business in Maine. He should give consideration to "Research Octane, Motor Octane and Road Octane". After setting such standards, the Director of the Agriculture and Experiment Station shall assign numbers to the various grades of gasoline and shall name these grades Sub-standard, Standard, Regular, High-Test and Super.

No gasoline shall be dispensed to the motoring public, unless the pump or device dispensing it shall have a sign on it no larger than 8" x 10", this sign to have numerals or letters no larger than 6" high and 1/2" wide and said sign shall clearly show the octane number or grade or both of the gasoline being dispensed from said pump. Said sign shall be visible from both sides of said pump. No gasoline price sign shall be displayed on the pump or on the premises of the station, except for the "Automatic Price and Computing Sign", which is an integral part of the pump or dispensing mechanism. No retail gasoline dealer shall sell gasoline other than at the price designated by the computing mechanism in order to prohibit confusion or fraud on the motoring public.

This law shall be administered by the Director of the Agriculture and Experiment Station of the State of Maine and shall be enforced by the Maine State Police. The director, at his discretion, shall hold either the retail dealer, or the offending oil company involved in any violation, or both, answerable to the law and any person, corporation or partnership violating any of the above provisions shall be punished by a fine of \$100 for the first offense and if the violation is not corrected within 10 days, their license shall be suspended for 30 days, and if the violation has not been corrected after the first 30 days, their license shall be suspended for one year. Any person, partnership or corporation selling gasoline to the motoring public shall be required to be licensed, or any person, partnership or corporation purchasing gasoline for resale to the general public shall be required to obtain a license from the State of Maine and the fee shall be \$10 per year per location. Fees so collected shall go to the Agriculture and Experiment Station of the State of Maine to be used to administer this law.