

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent down for concurrence and 1,800 ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACt to Require Posting of Prices of Certain Internal Combustion  
Engine Fuel.**

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

10 MRSA § 1661 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1661. Posting of prices of internal combustion engine fuel

1. Fuel for all uses. A retail seller of internal combustion engine fuel who posts the price charged for fuel shall include all taxes in the posted price. All posted numerals shall be the same size. For purposes of this section, a numeral is a figure representing a whole number, decimal or fraction.

2. Fuel for use by vehicles on public highways. A retail seller of internal combustion engine fuel to be used by vehicles on public highways shall post the price charged for each fuel grade in a manner that is clearly visible from any entrance to the station area. The post price shall conform with the requirements of subsection 1 and all posted numerals shall be at least 4 inches high and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch wide.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The present law, Title 10, section 1661, regulating voluntary posting of prices charged for internal combustion engine fuel for any use is redrafted for clarity. In addition, because the requirement that the posted price include all

taxes appears sufficient to provide clarity for the consumer, the further requirement that the posted price include a breakdown of applicable taxes or a statement that all taxes have been included, is deleted.

The new Title 10, section 1661, subsection 2, adds a requirement of mandatory posting of prices charged for internal combustion engine fuel if the fuel is to be used by vehicles on public highways. This section would apply primarily to automobile filling stations and would enable motorists to more conveniently compare fuel prices. Retail sellers of fuel to be used exclusively by airplanes, boats or other vehicles not using the public highways would not be subject to Title 10, section 1661, subsection 2.