

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 624

House of Representatives, February 26, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Howe of South Portland.

Cosponsor: Mrs. Huber of Falmouth.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Require Conspicuous Posting of Retail Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Prices.**

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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10 MRSA § 1661 is repealed and the following enacted in its place: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. Subject to the provisions of Title 23, chapter 21, 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 3/4 of an inch wide.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require the posting of prices charged for internal combustion engine fuel if the fuel is to be used by vehicles on public highways. This bill applies 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.