

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 913

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7 S.P. 299

In Senate, February 28, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent down for con-
9 currence and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator McBreairty of Aroostook.
Cosponsor: Representative Vose of Eastport.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Concerning Credit Card Sales of
18 Motor Fuels.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 10 MRSA §1459 is enacted to read:

23 §1459. Discounts for cash; prohibition on certain
24 charges levied by refiners and distributors

25 No refiner or distributor, who is also the issuer
26 of a credit card which entitles holders thereof to
27 make retail purchases on credit of motor fuel from
28 franchisees, may prevent a franchisee from offering a
29 discounted price to consumers who make cash purchases
30 instead of credit purchases with their credit card,
31 nor may that refiner or distributor compensate a
32 franchisee at less than the full face value of any

1 credit card purchase vouchers submitted by the
2 franchisee to the refiner or distributor for payment,
3 notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary between
4 the retailer and the refiner or distributor.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 The purpose of this bill is to stop motor fuel
7 refiners or distributors from preventing retailers
8 from offering discounts for cash purchases. The bill
9 also prevents refiners and distributors from charging
10 retailers a certain percentage handling fee for sales
11 made by them with the refiner's or distributor's
12 credit cards.

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