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House of Representatives, February 9, 1995

An Act to Require Latch-open Devices at Self-service Gasoline Stations.

Received by the Clerk of the House on February 7, 1995. Referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BENEDIKT of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston, BUNKER of Kossuth Township,
CHICK of Lebanon, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, DESMOND of Mapleton, GERRY of
Auburn, GIERINGER of Portland, JOSEPH of Waterville, KERR of Old Orchard Beach,
POVICH of Ellsworth, SAXL of Bangor, TRIPP of Topsham.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1661-D** is enacted to read:

6 **§1661-D. Latch-open gas pumps**

8 A full-service gasoline station offering self-service
10 pumping at a lower cost and a gasoline station offering only
12 self-service pumping shall make available for automobiles and
shall identify clearly at least one pump with an automatic
closing hose nozzle valve with a latch-open device approved by
the State Fire Marshal.

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16 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

18 This bill requires that gas stations with only self-service
20 pumping or with self-service pumping at a lower price than
22 full-service must have at least one pump with a latch-open
device. This is a device that allows the person pumping the gas
to latch the pump open so that it is unnecessary to manually hold
it open.

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