

§1457. Ethanol enhanced motor fuel

1. Prohibition. No distributor, franchisor or refiner may impose any condition, restriction, agreement or understanding that unreasonably discriminates against or unreasonably limits the sale, resale, transfer or purchase of ethanol or other synthetic motor fuel of equivalent usability in any case in which synthetic or conventional motor fuel is sold for use, consumption or resale.

[PL 1983, c. 852, §1 (NEW).]

2. Exception. This section does not apply to any distributor, franchisor or refiner which makes available sufficient supplies of ethanol or other synthetic motor fuels of equivalent usability to satisfy its customers' needs for those products, if those synthetic motor fuels are made available on terms and conditions which are equivalent to the terms and conditions on which conventional motor fuel products are made available.

[PL 1983, c. 852, §1 (NEW).]

3. Reasonable conditions. A motor fuel distributor, franchisor or refiner which does not make available sufficient supplies of ethanol or other synthetic motor fuels of equivalent usability may:

A. Require reasonable labeling of pumps dispensing the ethanol or other synthetic motor fuels to indicate, as appropriate, that the ethanol or other synthetic motor fuel was not manufactured, distributed or sold by that distributor, franchisor or refiner; [PL 1983, c. 852, §1 (NEW).]

B. Issue disclaimers, as appropriate, of product liability for damage from use of ethanol or other synthetic motor fuels; [PL 1983, c. 852, §1 (NEW).]

C. Refuse to provide advertising support for ethanol or other synthetic motor fuels; or [PL 1983, c. 852, §1 (NEW).]

D. Refuse to furnish or provide any additional pumps, tanks or other related facilities required for the sale of ethanol or other synthetic motor fuels. [PL 1983, c. 852, §1 (NEW).]

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4. Ethanol-free motor fuel. A motor fuel distributor, franchisor or refiner may not impose any condition, restriction, agreement or understanding that prohibits or limits the sale, resale, transfer or purchase of conventional, ethanol-free motor fuel products in the State. This subsection applies to contracts entered into or renewed after the effective date of this subsection.

[PL 2015, c. 143, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1983, c. 852, §1 (NEW). PL 2015, c. 143, §1 (AMD).

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