

SENATE, No. 728

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator BUBBA

1 AN ACT concerning the availability of air compressors at gasoline service
2 stations and supplementing P.L.1989, c.263 (C.34:3A-4 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of
5 New Jersey:

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7 1. Every retail dealer shall provide, on the premises and during the
8 hours in which the gasoline station is open for business, at least one
9 functioning motor-driven air compressor, capable of inflating motor
10 vehicle tires, for use by customers. If a compressor fails to function for
11 a mechanical reason, and, as a result, the gasoline station does not provide
12 any access to an air compressor, the retail dealer shall not be in violation
13 of this act unless he fails to restore access within a reasonable time. There
14 shall be no charge for the reasonable use of an air compressor by
15 customers to inflate tires on their motor vehicles.

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17 2. Violation of this act shall subject a retail dealer to a penalty of not
18 more than \$25 for each day that violation occurs. The penalty shall be
19 sued for and recovered by and in the name of the Attorney General and
20 shall be collected and enforced by summary proceedings pursuant to "the
21 penalty enforcement law," N.J.S.2A:58-1 et seq.

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23 3. This act shall take effect on the 90th day following enactment.
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26 STATEMENT
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28 This bill requires gasoline service stations to provide their customers
29 access to an air compressor free of charge for the purpose of inflating
30 their motor vehicle tires. If the station is unable to provide access to an
31 air compressor because of a mechanical breakdown, the station would not
32 violate the provisions of the bill, but it must restore the service within a
33 reasonable time. The penalty for violating the provisions of this bill is \$25
34 per day.
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39 Requires gasoline stations to provide free air to customers.