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SYNOPSIS

Caps amount motor vehicle rental company may charge renter to refuel motor vehicle.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing the maximum amount a motor vehicle rental
2 company may charge a renter for refueling and supplementing
3 P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. a. As used in this section:

9 “Motor vehicle” means a vehicle that is propelled other than by
10 muscular power on a roadway except a low-speed electric bicycle as
11 defined in R.S.39:1-1, low-speed electric scooter as defined in
12 R.S.39:1-1, and motorized bicycle as defined in R.S.39:1-1.

13 “Motor vehicle rental company” means a person or entity
14 engaged in the business of renting motor vehicles to members of the
15 public including, but not limited to, renting vehicles on an hourly,
16 daily, per trip, or other short-term basis.

17 “Renter” means a member of the public who rents a motor
18 vehicle from a motor vehicle rental company.

19 b. A motor vehicle rental company that charges a renter for the
20 refueling of a rented motor vehicle upon return of the vehicle to the
21 motor vehicle rental company shall only charge the renter for the
22 amount of gasoline necessary to return the fuel tank to the level at
23 which the fuel tank was when the renter took legal possession of the
24 vehicle. Except as provided for in this subsection, a motor vehicle
25 rental company shall not charge a renter any other fee, such as an
26 administrative, a service, or a processing fee, for refueling a
27 returned motor vehicle.

28 c. The maximum rate a motor vehicle rental company may
29 charge a renter for the gasoline for refueling is 125 percent of the
30 weekly retail gasoline price, as published by the U.S. Energy
31 Information Administration, for the region in which the motor
32 vehicle rental company is located.

33 d. Before a motor vehicle rental company rents a motor
34 vehicle, the company shall disclose to the renter:

35 (1) the method, pursuant to subsection b. of this section, by
36 which the motor vehicle rental company will calculate any refueling
37 costs; and

38 (2) the rate, pursuant to subsection c. of this section, at which
39 the motor vehicle rental company will charge the renter for
40 refueling.

41 e. A motor vehicle rental company shall, upon request, provide
42 a renter with a receipt that includes:

43 (1) the amount of gasoline the motor vehicle rental company
44 purchased to return the fuel tank to the level at which it was before
45 the renter took legal possession of the vehicle;

46 (2) the per-gallon price of the gasoline the motor vehicle rental
47 company charged the renter to refuel the returned motor vehicle;
48 and

1 (3) the total amount the motor vehicle rental company charged
2 the renter to refuel the vehicle.

3 f. A motor vehicle rental company shall maintain an electronic
4 record of:

5 (1) the fuel level of a motor vehicle before rented to and upon
6 return from each renter;

7 (2) the amount of gasoline the motor vehicle rental company
8 purchased to return the fuel tank to the level at which it was before
9 the renter took legal possession of the vehicle; and

10 (3) the per-gallon price of the gasoline the motor vehicle rental
11 company charged the renter to refuel the vehicle.

12 The motor vehicle rental company shall maintain the electronic
13 record for each rental for one year from the date the record is made.

14 g. The Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs in the
15 Department of Law and Public Safety may issue guidelines to
16 effectuate the purposes of this act.

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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21 STATEMENT

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23 This bill caps the gasoline refueling amount and rate a motor
24 vehicle rental company may charge a renter upon return of a motor
25 vehicle to the company. The bill defines a “motor vehicle rental
26 company” as a person or entity engaged in the business of renting
27 motor vehicles to members of the public including, but not limited
28 to, renting vehicles on an hourly, daily, per trip, or other short-term
29 basis. The bill also defines a “motor vehicle” as a vehicle that is
30 propelled other than by muscular power on a roadway except a low-
31 speed electric bicycle as defined in R.S.39:1-1, low-speed electric
32 scooter as defined in R.S.39:1-1, and motorized bicycle as defined
33 in R.S.39:1-1.

34 Under the bill, a motor vehicle rental company may only charge
35 a renter for the amount of gasoline required to return the fuel tank
36 to the level at which the tank was when the renter took possession
37 of the motor vehicle. The company may charge the renter a
38 maximum of 125 percent of the weekly retail gasoline price, as
39 published by the U.S. Energy Information Administration, for the
40 region in which the motor vehicle rental company is located.

41 The bill requires a motor vehicle rental company to disclose to a
42 renter before renting them a motor vehicle: 1) the method by which
43 the company will calculate any refueling costs; and 2) the rate at
44 which the company will charge the renter for the gasoline required
45 for refueling. Additionally, the bill requires a rental company to
46 provide a renter with a receipt delineating the amount of and price
47 charged for the gasoline required for refueling. Under the bill, a
48 rental company is required to maintain electronic records that

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1 include various details pertaining to the refueling transactions
2 covered by this bill.

3 A violation of the bill's provisions is an unlawful practice and a
4 violation of the consumer fraud act, which is punishable by a
5 monetary penalty of not more than \$10,000 for a first offense and
6 not more than \$20,000 for any subsequent offense. In addition, a
7 violation may result in a cease and desist order issued by the
8 Attorney General, the assessment of punitive damages, and the
9 awarding of treble damages and costs to the injured party.