

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the Retail Service Station Act of 1976 to provide for increased safety and enhanced security by requiring video surveillance at District of Columbia gas stations, and warning signs, to require the Metropolitan Police Department to develop a public service video announcement to educate consumers as to the potential risks at service stations, and to require police officers to review video surveillance footage for crimes committed at those service stations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Enhanced Security at Gas Stations Amendment Act of 2009”.

Sec. 2. The Retail Service Station Act of 1976, effective April 19, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-123; D.C. Official Code § 36-301.01 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new Title II-A to read as follows:

“TITLE II-A

“SECURITY AT RETAIL SERVICE STATIONS

“Sec. 3-121. Security requirements for retail service stations.

“(a) The operator of a retail service station shall install video surveillance equipment to monitor all pumps at the retail service station within 6 months after the effective date of this section. The Metropolitan Police Department shall review the surveillance video in the event of a crime committed at the station.

“(b)(1) The operator of a retail service station shall display a warning sign at each pump and at the attendant’s duty station that warns:

“(A) Always remove the keys from a vehicle;

“(B) Lock all doors when exiting a vehicle; and

“(C) Premises under surveillance.

“(2) The measurements for each sign shall exceed 8 inches by 8 inches.

“(3) The text for each sign shall be in boldface and shall exceed a 36-point font.

“(4) The text and background for each sign shall be in contrasting colors.

“Sec. 3-122. Retail service station security public service announcement.

“Within 90 days after the effective date of this section, the Metropolitan Police

Department shall produce a public service announcement video which will be available for broadcast on the cable television channels allocated to the District government and made accessible at the Metropolitan Police Department website warning consumers of the potential dangers at retail service stations.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia