

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 166**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Steven S. Howitt*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing fuel price transparency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/11/2017</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 166**

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By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 166) of Steven S. Howitt, Timothy R. Whelan and Paul R. Heroux relative to the displaying of motor fuel prices based on the method of payment. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 203 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act establishing fuel price transparency.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 295C of chapter 94 is hereby amended by inserting after the first  
2 paragraph the following paragraph:

3 If a retail dealer of motor fuel sells an identical grade of fuel at different prices per gallon  
4 based on the customer’s method of payment, any sign displayed pursuant to the above paragraph  
5 shall display each and every price per gallon for which a particular grade of fuel is sold and its  
6 corresponding method of payment. Each price displayed on a sign for a particular grade of fuel  
7 pursuant to this paragraph shall be the same size and presented in a substantially similar manner.

8 SECTION 2. Section 295D of chapter 94 is hereby amended by inserting after the first  
9 paragraph the following paragraph:

10           If a retail dealer of motor fuel sells an identical grade of fuel at different prices per gallon  
11 based on the customer's method of payment, any advertisement displayed pursuant to the above  
12 paragraph shall display each and every price per gallon for which a particular grade of fuel is  
13 sold and its corresponding method of payment. Each price advertised for a particular grade of  
14 fuel pursuant to this paragraph shall be the same size and presented in a substantially similar  
15 manner.