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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1684

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION. 1. WARNING STATEMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(c) of the Petroleum  
5 Marketing Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 2822(c)) is amend-  
6 ed—

7 (1) by striking out “(c) Each” and inserting in  
8 lieu thereof “(c)(1) Each”;

1           (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and  
2           (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively;  
3           and

4           (3) by adding at the end the following:

5           “(2) Each automotive fuel retailer shall also display  
6 in a clear and conspicuous manner, at the point of sale  
7 to the ultimate purchaser of automotive gasoline, the fol-  
8 lowing warning statement:

9           “WARNING! Most cars are designed to operate  
10          on low-octane gasoline. Check your owner’s manual  
11          to see what grade of gasoline is best for your car.

12          “(3) The warning statement required by paragraph  
13 (2) shall appear on each automotive gasoline dispenser  
14 with the word ‘Warning’ in capital letters and all the let-  
15 ters in the statement at least  $\frac{3}{8}$  of an inch in height and  
16 of a thickness and type face which assures that they will  
17 be legible, prominent, and conspicuous.”.

18          (b) DEFINITION.—Section 201 of such Act is amend-  
19 ed by adding at the end the following:

20          “(19) The term ‘automotive gasoline’ means  
21 gasoline of a type distributed for use as a fuel in any  
22 motor vehicle.”.

23          (c) ENFORCEMENT.—Section 203(b)(1) of such Act  
24 is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting the fol-  
2 lowing before the semicolon: “and making findings  
3 with respect to the warning statement required by  
4 section 202(c)(2)””; and

5 (2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting after  
6 “rating” the following: “or the warning statement  
7 required by section 202(c)(2)”.

8 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
9 203(c)(2)(B) of the Petroleum Marketing Practices Act  
10 (15 U.S.C. 2823(c)(2)(B)) is amended by striking  
11 “202(c)” and inserting “202(c)(1)”.

12 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) The Federal Trade Com-  
13 mission shall, within 60 days after the date of the enact-  
14 ment of this Act, prescribe rules for the purpose of carry-  
15 ing out the amendment made by subsection (a).

16 (2) The amendments made by this section shall be-  
17 come effective 120 days after the date of the enactment  
18 of this Act.

19 **SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO ENERGY POLICY**  
20 **ACT OF 1992.**

21 Section 1503(b)(2) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992  
22 (Public Law 102–486) is amended to read as follows:

23 “(2) In carrying out the study to determine the na-  
24 ture of a uniform national label under subsection  
25 (a)(2)(B), the Federal Trade Commission shall weigh the

1 consumer, environmental, and energy saving benefits of  
2 any element of such label against the necessity for a con-  
3 cise, practical, and cost-efficient label.”.

4 **SEC. 3. DISPLAY OF AUTOMOTIVE FUEL REQUIREMENT ON**  
5 **MOTOR VEHICLES.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 202(d) of the Petroleum  
7 Marketing Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 2822(d)) is amend-  
8 ed—

9 (1) by striking “or” and inserting “and”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following: “Such  
11 rules shall require that the display on each such  
12 motor vehicle be located near the fuel tank fill inlet  
13 of the motor vehicle.”.

14 (b) **DEADLINE FOR PRESCRIBING RULES.**—Not later  
15 than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
16 the Federal Trade Commission shall prescribe the rules  
17 required by section 202(d) of the Petroleum Marketing  
18 Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 2822(d)), as amended by this  
19 Act.

20 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Rules prescribed under sec-  
21 tion 202(d) of the Petroleum Marketing Practices Act (15  
22 U.S.C. 2822(d)), as amended by this Act, shall take effect  
23 beginning on the first day of the first model year which  
24 begins more than 12 months after the date of the enact-  
25 ment of this Act.

