

By Senator Atwater

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1   A bill to be entitled  
2            An act relating to gasoline stations; creating  
3            the "Consumer Emergency Gasoline Act";  
4            requiring that retail gasoline stations be  
5            equipped with an alternative means of power  
6            generation so that the station's fuel pumps may  
7            be operated in the event of a power outage;  
8            providing a period for existing retail gasoline  
9            stations to comply with the act; providing a  
10           penalty; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14            Section 1. Consumer Emergency Gasoline Act.--

15            (1) Any gasoline station that offers motor fuel for  
16 sale at retail to the public must be equipped with an  
17 alternative means of power generation on site so that the  
18 station's fuel pumps may be operated in the event of a power  
19 outage. The alternative means of power generation must be  
20 maintained and kept fully operational at all times and the  
21 gasoline station must be capable of pumping motor fuel  
22 immediately following a loss of power.

23            (2) Subsection (1) applies to any newly constructed  
24 gasoline station for which a certificate of occupancy is  
25 issued on or after June 1, 2006. A gasoline station that  
26 obtained a certificate of occupancy before June 1, 2006, has  
27 until December 1, 2007, to comply with the requirements of  
28 subsection (1).

29            (3) A violation of subsection (1) is a misdemeanor of  
30 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
31 775.083.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect June 1, 2006.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Creates the "Consumer Emergency Gasoline Act." Requires that retail gasoline stations that are issued a certificate of occupancy on or after June 1, 2006, be equipped with an alternative means of power generation so that the station's fuel pumps may be operated in the event of a power outage. Requires that existing retail gasoline stations comply with the act by December 1, 2007. Provides a penalty.