

By Senator Latvala

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the sale of liquid fuels; amending
3 s. 526.303, F.S.; revising the term "refiner";
4 amending s. 526.304, F.S.; prohibiting a producer,
5 refiner, or subsidiary from operating a retail outlet
6 selling its petroleum products under its own brand or
7 secondary brand; providing a penalty; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 526.303, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 526.303 Definitions.—As used in this act:

15 (10) "Refiner" means any person who is engaged in refining
16 crude oil to produce motor fuel, and includes any affiliate of
17 such person ~~stores or exchanges motor fuel at a terminal~~
18 facility in this state and who sells or transfers motor fuel
19 through the loading rack at such terminal facility, and includes
20 an affiliate of such refiner with respect to such affiliate's
21 sale of motor fuel.

22 Section 2. Subsection (4) is added to section 526.304,
23 Florida Statutes, to read:

24 526.304 Predatory practices unlawful; exceptions.—

25 (4) After October 1, 2016, a producer, a refiner, or a
26 subsidiary of any producer or refiner may not operate with
27 company personnel any retail outlet selling its petroleum
28 products under its own brand or secondary brand. A person
29 violating this subsection is subject to an action for injunctive

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30 relief under s. 526.311 or s. 526.312.

31 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.