

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 170

Approved April 9, 1973

RESOLVED, that House Act 73-H 5764, being an Act relating to the licensing of filling stations, now pending before the House Committee on Corporations, is hereby opposed.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ and PASSED

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73-H 5764

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tions

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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1973

AN ACT Relating to the Licensing of Filling Stations.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Section 1. Title 31 of the general laws entitled, "Motor and other vehicles," as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

CHAPTER 37.1

Filling Station Licensing

31-37.1-1. **BOARD OF FILLING STATION LICENSING.**—There is hereby established within the department of transportation a five (5) man board whose duty it shall be to issue new and renewal licenses for gasoline filling stations. Members of the board shall be appointed as follows: within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this chapter, the governor shall appoint five (5) members, one (1) for

a term of five (5) years, one (1) for a term of four (4) years, one (1) for a term of three (3) years, one (1) for a term of two (2) years, and one (1) for a term of one (1) year and as each term expires, the governor shall reappoint the member or his successor to a five (5) year term. Each member shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100) for each meeting attended, and the board shall be afforded the use of physical facilities and secretarial assistance within the department of transportation.

31-37.1-2. PROCEDURES.—The board shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this chapter and such rules shall include but not be limited to the selection of a chairman from its members, and the board shall be subject to the administrative procedures act in the conduct of affairs. The board is further authorized to employ two full-time investigators whose salary shall be established by the director of the department of administration.

"31-37.1-3. LICENSING.—The board shall freeze the number of licenses at a number to coincide with the existing number of fully operable gasoline filling stations existing at the date of the passage of this chapter. No oil company may apply for a license as a renewal license while it has an abandoned or unused gas station within the state, and all licenses shall be renewed on an annual basis during the month of May. The board shall have the authority to establish classes of licenses and to establish fees for said classes, provided that the classes shall be determined by the gallon volume of the gasoline filling station and the amount of business relating to other allied services to the motoring public. The board shall determine what constitutes an abandoned gasoline filling station and what can best be done to restore it to a useful purpose."

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

73-H 5764

EXPLANATION

By the Legislative Council

This act would establish and set out the duties of
a board of gasoline station licensing.

The act would become effective upon passage.