

Senate Bill No. 970

Passed the Senate August 30, 2007

Secretary of the Senate

Passed the Assembly August 27, 2007

Chief Clerk of the Assembly

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2007, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to add Chapter 16 (commencing with Section 13800) to Division 5 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to rental vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 970, Ridley-Thomas. Rental vehicles.

Existing law does not regulate the use of rental vehicle fuel gauges as a measuring instrument in rental vehicle transactions.

This bill would provide that a fuel gauge installed in a motor vehicle by the motor vehicle manufacturer may be used in a rental transaction to calculate an optional charge for fueling a rental vehicle, as specified.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 16 (commencing with Section 13800) is added to Division 5 of the Business and Professions Code, to read:

CHAPTER 16. RENTAL VEHICLES

13800. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this division, a rental vehicle's fuel gauge installed by the vehicle's manufacturer may be used in a rental transaction by a rental company to calculate an optional charge for fueling when any of the following occurs:

(1) The customer could have avoided incurring the charge by returning the rental vehicle with the same amount of fuel as was in the fuel tank at the commencement of the rental.

(2) The customer chose to purchase the amount of fuel inside the fuel tank at the commencement of the rental.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to preclude a rental company from offering additional fueling options to customers besides those described in subdivision (a).

Approved _____, 2007

Governor