

Senate Bill No. 1466

CHAPTER 489

An act to amend Sections 13440 and 13651 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to business regulation.

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SB 1466, Johannessen. Service stations: public restrooms: gasoline requirements.

Existing law requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to establish specifications for gasoline, as specified.

This bill would require gasoline sold for use in Inyo or Mono County, or a portion of Kern County, as specified, to meet certain specified standards.

Existing law generally requires every service station located within 660 feet of an accessible right-of-way of any interstate or primary highway to provide separate restroom facilities for men and women for use by its customers during business hours, as specified. Existing law provides that an intentional violation of this provision is an infraction.

This bill would provide that service stations in rural areas, as defined, where the traffic count is less than a specified amount, that are subject to these provisions, are only required to provide a single restroom to be used by both men and women and accessible to the disabled, provided the facility is equipped with a locking mechanism to be operated by the user of the restroom, except as specified.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13440 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

13440. (a) The department shall establish specifications for automotive spark-ignition engine fuels. The department shall adopt by reference the latest standards established by a recognized consensus organization or standards writing organization such as the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), for automotive spark-ignition engine fuel, except that no specification shall be less stringent than required by any California state law.

(b) Any gasoline-oxygenate blend containing methanol shall also contain an alcohol cosolvent (butanol or higher molecular weight alcohol) in an amount equal to or greater than the volume



percentage of methanol except those blends previously granted a waiver by the Environmental Protection Agency.

(c) Any gasoline-oxygenate blend containing ethanol that complies with Section 2258 of Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations, as it reads on the effective date of the act amending this section during the 1993–94 Regular Session, or as amended, may exceed the Reid vapor pressure limits of ASTM D 4814 for the area and season in which the blend is sold at retail by not more than 6.9 kilopascals (1.0 pounds per square inch), except the total Reid vapor pressure shall not exceed 103 kilopascals (15 pounds per square inch).

(d) The antiknock index as defined in Section 13403 for gasoline and gasoline-oxygenate blends shall not be less than 87.

(e) Gasoline and gasoline-oxygenate blends shall meet the latest specifications set forth in ASTM D 4814, except that no specification shall be less stringent than required by any California state law.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, gasoline sold for use in Inyo or Mono County, or the portion of Kern County lying east of the Los Angeles County Aqueduct, shall comply with the latest specification set forth in ASTM D 4814 relating to volatility class standards for the season during which the gasoline is sold for either the interior region or the southeast region of California, except that no specification shall be less stringent than is required by any California state law.

SEC. 2. Section 13651 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

13651. (a) On and after January 1, 1985, every service station in this state shall provide, during operating hours, water, compressed air, and a gauge for measuring air pressure, to the public for use in servicing any passenger vehicle, as defined in Section 465 of the Vehicle Code, or any commercial vehicle, as defined in Section 260 of the Vehicle Code, with an unladen weight of 6,000 pounds or less.

(b) (1) On and after January 1, 1990, every service station in this state located within 660 feet of an accessible right-of-way of any interstate or primary highway, as defined in Sections 5215 and 5220, shall provide, during business hours, public restrooms for use by its customers. Service stations shall not charge customers separately for the use of restroom facilities.

(2) The public restroom shall not be temporary or portable but shall be permanent and shall include separate facilities for men and women, each with toilets and sinks suitable for use by disabled persons in accordance with Section 19955.5 of the Health and Safety Code and Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations. However, a service station not located along an interstate highway and in a rural area, as defined by Section 101 of Title 23 of the United States Code, and where the annualized average daily traffic count is 2,500 vehicles or less, is only required to provide a single restroom to be used by both men and women unless the local legislative body or, upon



designation by the local legislative body, the local building official, determines and finds, based upon traffic studies and local or seasonal tourist patterns, that a single restroom would be inadequate to serve the public. In that event, the single restroom exemption shall not apply. The single restroom shall contain a toilet, urinal, and sink suitable for use by disabled persons as required by the Americans With Disabilities Act and Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations. The single restroom shall be equipped with a locking mechanism to be operated by the user of the restroom and the restroom shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner.

(3) This subdivision does not apply to service stations which are operational prior to January 1, 1990, and which would be obligated to construct permanent restroom facilities to comply with this subdivision.

(4) For the purposes of this subdivision, "customer" means a person who purchases any product available for sale on the premises of the service station, including items not related to the repairing or servicing of a motor vehicle.

(c) On and after July 1, 1991, every service station in this state shall display, at a conspicuous place on, at, or near the dispensing apparatus or at or near the point of sale, at least one clearly visible sign showing a list of applicable state and federal fuel taxes per gallon of motor vehicle fuel sold from the dispensing apparatus.

