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Council Enacts Legislation Requiring Gas Stations to Display Credit Card Prices

Consumer Protection Bill Proposed by Council Member Burroughs Demands Transparency in Gas Station Credit Card Prices

The Prince George's County Council, during session on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, voted unanimously to enact [CB-044-2023](#), legislation requiring gas stations to prominently display credit card prices on their signs.

Under the measure, convenience stores and gas stations will maintain an unobstructed line of sight allowing a clear view of credit card prices from the cash register and sales area. Windows and doors must also remain unobstructed to allow for clear viewing.

District 8 Council Member Edward Burroughs, III, author of the legislation, said the bill is about protecting consumers.

"We have so many seniors and individuals who go to the pump every single day thinking that they are going to pay one price, but because they primarily use a credit card or debit card, they are forced to pay a higher price. We even have situations where gas companies will post the price of gas based on whether you receive a car wash or not, so you believe you are paying a certain amount when you are really paying several dollars more. The goal of this bill is to increase transparency."

CB-044-2023 will take effect 45 calendar days after it becomes law. Convenience stores and gas stations currently in operation have 12 months from the effective date of the legislation to complete requirements of the measure. Convenience stores and gas stations that remain noncompliant after the grace period shall be charged a civil monetary fine of \$100.00 for the first offense, \$250.00 for the second offense, \$500.00 for the third offense, and \$1,000.00 for every subsequent offense every calendar year.