



**CITY COUNCIL BILL: 24-0480**

**BILL REPORT**

**MOTOR FUEL CREDIT PRICE - SIGNAGE**

**TO:** The Honorable Nick Mosby, President, Baltimore City Council  
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**DATE:** February 28, 2024  
**POSITION:** **Favorable**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR) has reviewed and is herein reporting on City Council Bill 24-0480 – Motor Fuel Credit Price - Signage. This is a consumer protection bill that requires gas stations to display the highest price for paying for fuel with a credit card. The bill also defines certain terms and establishes specified penalties. Further, the bill repeals and re-ordains with amendments Article I, Section 41-14(.5) of the Baltimore City Code, and Article 2, Sections 10-1, 10-4, and 10-8 of the Baltimore City Code.

**ANALYSIS**

Council Bill 24-0480 seeks to require that businesses selling gasoline to consumers advertise the actual cost for their product when a consumer pays for the product with a credit card or debit. This requirement seeks to alleviate the surprise that many consumers experience when they pull into a gas station because the advertised price per gallon appears low, only to find at the time of purchase that there is a surcharge for not paying with cash.

**CONCLUSION**

The Office of Equity and Civil Rights supports a **favorable** committee report on City Council Bill 24-0480.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dana Petersen Moore