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Overview

This bill involves retail gasoline franchising. It exempts a specified type of franchising arrangement from the general franchising law and makes it subject only to laws specifically dealing with gasoline franchising.

Section

- 1 Franchise.** Adds to the definition of "franchise" by specifying a situation to which the term does not apply. This creates an exemption from the general regulation of franchising. The exemption involves marketing of motor fuel when the franchisor is not a refiner of motor fuels, the franchisor's name and related identifying information is not used to identify the marketing premises generally except for the gas pumps and signage, the franchisor does not impose any requirements on the franchisee or a franchise fee on products sold there other than motor fuel, and the premises are not leased from the franchisor. In other words, the exemption covers situations in which the franchisor is just providing the motor fuels and acting more as a wholesaler.
- 2 Exempt motor fuel franchises; alternative compliance.** Provides that a situation exempt under section 1 from general franchise regulation is subject to regulation under chapter 80F, which regulates only motor fuel franchising.