

House Bill 437

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to require
3 attendants at self-service motor fuel establishments to dispense motor fuel to individuals with
4 special disabilities; to provide for related decals on pumps; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
9 provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by revising Code
10 Section 36-60-1, relating to licensing of self-service motor fuel dispensing pumps and
11 penalty for operation without license or attendant, as follows:

12 "36-60-1.

13 (a) The governing authority of each county, ~~and~~ municipal corporation, and consolidated
14 government shall ~~is authorized to~~ license the operation of self-service motor fuel
15 dispensing pumps and to charge a fee for each license. If the governing authority
16 determines that the operation of self-service motor fuel dispensing pumps will not be

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17 injurious to the health or welfare of the residents of the political jurisdiction affected, it
18 shall grant a license to any applicant not otherwise disqualified by law who makes
19 application on a form prescribed by the governing authority. The license shall be effective
20 from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

21 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to operate a self-service motor
22 fuel dispensing pump unless an attendant is present at the pump's location and such person,
23 firm, or corporation has obtained a valid license from the governing authority of the
24 political jurisdiction affected. Any person, firm, or corporation violating this Code section
25 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

26 (b.1)(1) The attendant required by subsection (b) of this Code section shall dispense
27 motor fuel to any motor vehicle properly displaying a special disability permit when the
28 individual to whom such permit was issued is the operator of such vehicle.

29 (2) A decal shall be affixed to each pump at a self-service motor fuel establishment. The
30 decal shall be blue and at least 15 square inches and shall clearly display the universal
31 symbol of accessibility, the telephone number of the establishment, and the words 'Call
32 for Assistance.'

33 (c) This Code section shall not apply to motor fuel dispensing units which are not open to
34 the public."

35 **SECTION 2.**

36 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.