

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Dispensing motor vehicle fuel for persons with disabilities, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The gas pump accessibility legislation requires a motor vehicle fuel retailer to provide an employee or attendant to dispense fuel if a vehicle displays registration plates or identification for a person with a disability. This only applies in situations where there is more than one attendant working. Commerce is required to promulgate rules regarding where the sign is posted, and to aid in the design of the sign.

The Department of Commerce will be able to promulgate a rule, which requires that a motor vehicle fuel retailer shall post a sign indicating that customers with disabilities may obtain assistance in fueling. The Department works with an advisory code committee on accessibility issues, which includes representatives from groups working with persons with disabilities and with the elderly. The agency will also work with the advisory code council and with other representatives of groups involved in motor vehicle fuel retailing to prepare the design specifications. Both of these responsibilities may result in increased costs, but it is likely that the Department will be able to absorb these costs within the agency's current budget.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications