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**Modified Enforcement Directive
For
Mechanical Motor Fuel Dispensers**

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Recent dramatic increases in fuel prices have created a situation that impacts some older mechanical analog motor fuel dispensers. The dispensers in question are not capable of metering product at a sale price above \$2.999 per gallon. Weights & Measures Laws, specifically Handbook 44, specify that a computing device must be capable of computing sales at the offered price per gallon. In the interest of maintaining commerce with as little disruption as possible we are granting the following temporary exemption to Handbook 44 requirements.

Dispensers that cannot compute above \$2.999 per gallon shall be handled in the following manner.

1. The price per gallon indication shall be obscured and not be visible (we suggest some type of non-transparent tape)
2. The total sales price shall also be obscured
3. The only visual indication on the dispenser shall be total gallons
4. The pump top price signs required under State Law shall be maintained to reflect current accurate price per gallon at all times
5. The total sale price shall be figured manually after delivery is completed
6. A notice explaining this temporary procedure shall be posted conspicuously for consumers
7. Any roadside price signs shall also be maintained to reflect up to date pricing

This is a temporary solution; station operators must contact their individual service companies to determine what options are available for a permanent solution. In many instances manufacturers offer kits to retrofit a device to bring it into compliance with the law. If this is not the case with your device please contact the Office of Weights & Measures at (207) 287-3841 so we may assist you in finding find a solution.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Spear, Commissioner
State Sealer of Weights & Measures

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