

HR 1951

To prohibit certain transfers or assignments of franchises, and to prohibit certain fixing or maintaining of motor fuel prices, under the Petroleum Marketing Practices Act.

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** May 22, 2001

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality. (Jun 1, 2001)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 22, 2001)

Amends the Petroleum Marketing Practices Act to prohibit the transfer or assignment of leased marketing premises during the franchise term unless the franchisor has first: (1) made a bona fide offer to the franchisee at least 45 days before the proposed transfer or assignment; or (2) offered the right of first refusal (of at least 45 days' duration) to the franchisee regarding an offer made by another to acquire the franchisor's interest in the premises.

Declares null, void, and unenforceable a franchise or marketing agreement that, in the event of litigation, calls for payment by either party of the prevailing party's legal expenses.

States that it shall be a violation of the Act for a refiner or distributor to fix or maintain motor fuel retail prices at a retail outlet supplied by that refiner or distributor, unless the refiner or distributor also operates such outlet.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 1, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality.
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