

S 1737

Gasoline Free Market Competition Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: OR • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 13, 2003
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 13, 2003
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 8, 2004
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		May 11, 2004
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 15, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 15, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Gasoline Free Market Competition Act of 2003 - Amends the Clayton Act to prohibit any person engaging in commerce from: (1) imposing any condition, agreement, or understanding between a crude oil refiner and a motor fuel distributor that limits or prevents the distributor from supplying branded gasoline to independent motor fuel retailers in a highly concentrated market, unless the limitation can be proven not to injure, destroy, or limit competition; (2) selling the same brand of gasoline (if that person is a refiner) to retailers owned or controlled by that refiner in a highly concentrated market at different prices than the refiner charges to its independent dealers, or selling to independent dealers in the same relevant geographic market at different prices if those dealers are located in a highly concentrated market; or (3) engaging in any other practice that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) determines would be likely to reduce supply or increase the price of gasoline in a highly concentrated market.

Directs the FTC or the Attorney General to provide notice to each refiner, distributor, and retailer doing business in a highly concentrated market that such market is a "consumer watch zone" subject to specified conditions.

Prohibits the FTC or the Attorney General from approving any combination that would create a highly concentrated market that would injure, destroy, or limit competition.

Authorizes State attorneys general to bring civil actions in U.S. district court.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 30, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3317)
- **Mar 22, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2836-2839)
- **Oct 15, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 15, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12621)
- **Oct 15, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.