

Senate File 154 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring retail dealers of motor fuel to advertise and
2 sell motor fuel on a whole cent basis, and making penalties
3 applicable.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 214A.3, Code 2007, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. A retail dealer shall not advertise or
1 4 sell motor fuel unless the sale price for the motor fuel as
1 5 advertised and sold by the retail dealer is on a dollar and
1 6 whole cent basis or on a whole cent basis if the price is less
1 7 than one dollar.

EXPLANATION

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1 9 This bill amends Code chapter 214A, which regulates the
1 10 sale of motor fuel, including gasoline and diesel fuel. The
1 11 bill provides that a retail dealer (a person engaged in the
1 12 business of storing and dispensing motor fuel from a motor
1 13 fuel pump for sale on a retail basis) is prohibited from
1 14 advertising or selling motor fuel unless the sale price is on
1 15 a dollar and whole cent basis or on a whole cent basis if the
1 16 price is less than a dollar.

1 17 According to Code section 214A.11, a person who violates a
1 18 provision of Code chapter 214A is guilty of a serious
1 19 misdemeanor, and each day that a continuing violation occurs
1 20 shall be considered a separate offense. A serious misdemeanor
1 21 is punishable by confinement for no more than one year and a
1 22 fine of at least \$315 but not more than \$1,875. The Code
1 23 section also provides that the state may proceed against a
1 24 person who violates the Code chapter by initiating an
1 25 alternative civil enforcement action in lieu of a prosecution.
1 26 The amount of the civil penalty ranges from \$100 to \$1,000.
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