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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy

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A bill for an act

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relating to consumer protection; regulating certain gasoline sales near terminals;

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prescribing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,

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chapter 325D.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. **[325D.671] RETAIL SALES NEAR GASOLINE TERMINALS.**

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A person, firm, company, association, or corporation, foreign or domestic, doing

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business in this state as the owner and operator of both a gasoline terminal and two or

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more retail locations offering the sale of gasoline by way of posted price or indicating

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meter may not charge gasoline customers of the retail locations within seven miles of the

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terminal more than the lowest price offered by any of the retail locations under the same

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ownership located within 35 miles of the terminal.

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A violation of this section is a violation of section 325D.67, except that the criminal

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penalties in section 325D.67, subdivision 2, do not apply. In addition to the penalties

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for violations and the remedies provided for injured parties set forth elsewhere in this

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chapter, the commissioner of commerce may use the authority under section 45.027 for

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the purpose of preventing violations of this section.