

HB 1841 - DIGEST

Requires that, by July 1, 2009, every motor fuel retailer located within the state shall be capable of operating all fuel dispensing equipment, life safety systems, and payment acceptance equipment using a backup power source for a period of at least seventy-two hours. Installation of the backup power source shall be performed by a licensed electrical contractor.

Requires that, by July 1, 2009, every water distribution business doing business within the state shall be capable of operating all water distribution systems using a backup power source for a period of at least seventy-two hours. Installation of the backup power source shall be performed by a licensed electrical contractor.

Authorizes the attorney general or county prosecuting attorney to file an action in superior court to require a grocery store, motor fuel retailer, or water distribution business to comply with any of the requirements of this act.

Provides that a grocery store, motor fuel retailer, or water distribution business that complies with this act is not liable for civil damages arising from the failure of the store, retailer, or business to operate during a disaster because: (1) The backup power source during a disaster has failed; or

(2) Conditions caused by the disaster make operations impracticable or unsafe.