

The Agency of Agriculture Food & Market has come to agreement with the Vermont Retailer Grocers Association on language that would exempt convenience stores from the unit pricing requirements in H.942 Section 3, if the committee deems it prudent to do so. The Agency still maintains a neutral position on this matter, but both the Agency and VRGA find the language below acceptable.

This text would go in the “Exemptions” section of the statute, which begins “*The unit pricing requirements of this chapter shall not apply to consumer commodity sales as follows*”. The new exemption would be in addition to the exemption for two or fewer stores.

Convenience stores that sell a limited number of everyday items such as motor fuel, tobacco products, made-to-order food, snacks, and beverages which serve as a quick, accessible retail option for consumers who typically purchase a small number of products, and do not offer a sufficient quantity of consumer commodities to make unit pricing as useful to consumers. This exemption does not include grocery stores, drug stores, dollar stores, or any other type of store. The Secretary has the discretion to determine whether a retail establishment is an exempt convenience store.

The VRGA would request this exemption be placed immediately following the first unit price exemption, which begins “A retail establishment has two or fewer stores each with less than 6,000 square feet of retail space...”

If you have any further questions before tomorrow morning’s testimony , feel free to reach out. Otherwise, we will see you tomorrow.

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