

Independent Oil Marketers Association of New England

Mass DFS Self Service Requirements

The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services (DFS) regulates Self Service Gasoline Stations under 527 CMR 1. Currently there is a requirement that any facility of more than 1,000 square feet of retail sales area and less than eight fueling positions shall be operated by more than one employee.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Code 1, which is the National Standard, does not require more than one attendant on duty at Self Service Facilities, regardless of the number of fueling positions and the size of the store. According to industry data, the total gross profit per convenience store/gas facility was \$65,021 through 9/13. The total Direct Store Operating Expense through the same period was \$39,039. Wages and Benefits represent \$19,967 and this statistic represents USA averages where most states allow for one attendant. The requirement for more than one attendant on duty significantly raises the costs for Massachusetts's station owners. The requirement for two attendants is a significant and unnecessary burden on station owners in Massachusetts.

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