



EXECUTIVE ORDER

NUMBER 13 (2000)

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER
REGARDING THE ILLINOIS GAS PRICES

WHEREAS, during the month of June, 2000, retail gasoline prices have increased dramatically and disproportionately throughout Illinois and other Midwestern states, and in some portions of Illinois now exceed \$2.00 per gallon; and

WHEREAS, these price increases are causing hardships on the citizens of Illinois, especially those on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS, high retail gasoline prices could jeopardize Illinois' future economic growth and estimates show that high gasoline prices could drain approximately \$1 billion from Illinois' robust economy through increased consumer prices and added transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, high retail gasoline prices have resulted from a variety of causes, including but not limited to federal regulations, current national energy policy, supply shortages, increased crude oil prices, and other factors which would most adequately be addressed through federal action, which has not been forthcoming; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to provide Illinois consumers with some relief from high gas price, legislation has been signed into law that will suspend the state sales tax on motor fuel and gasohol for a period of six months; and

WHEREAS, I am committed to using the full resources available to me as Governor to see that consumers in Illinois are receiving the benefits of reduced gasoline prices resulting from a suspension of the state sales tax on motor fuel and gasohol;

THEREFORE, I, George H. Ryan, Governor of the State of Illinois, hereby order the following:


1. The Department of Revenue will notify all gas station owners of the sales tax suspension so that the owners may immediately adjust their prices to reflect these savings.
2. There is created a Gas Price Monitoring Team.
3. The Team will consist of those state agencies that regularly visit the gas stations in the course of their duties, including: Department of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, Conservation Police, Illinois State Police, State Fire Marshal, Department of Lottery, Environmental Protection Agency, and Department of Revenue.
4. Employees of these agencies will be provided with a standardized reporting form and are charged with recording prices at gas stations and reporting any gas station that fails to reduce prices appropriately.
5. Employees of these agencies are also charged with determining whether the consumer notification sign is displayed on the retail dispensing devices as required by law.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

This order shall take effect immediately.


GEORGE H. RYAN
Governor

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