



## SB 1177 – Pulser Manipulation Device; Prohibited

Over the past twelve months, Arizona fuel retailers have experienced theft of fuel by organized criminal groups who have broken into fuel pumps, installed pulser manipulation devices and then loaded hundreds of gallons of fuel into bladders for resale on the black market. The theft has primarily been diesel fuel.

A fuel pulser is a plastic device connected to the fuel pump dispenser meter housed within the retail fuel dispenser cabinet. The pulser converts the mechanical movement of the fuel meter, then sends electrical pulses to control the dispenser's electronic display. These pulsers are being replaced by a pulser manipulation device which allows the electrical signal to be interrupted and thus allows large quantities of fuel to be removed without registering or being charged.

Possession of a pulser manipulation device is currently legal in Arizona.

Information from the Florida Department of Consumer Services and the US Secret Service indicates that each pulser manipulation device costs between \$60-100 to build and represents a potential economic loss of \$2-3 Million per year.

Please vote YES on SB 1177 and address any questions to Mike Williams (Williams & Associates) at 602-418-5446 or Amanda Gray (APMA) at 602-330-6762.