



Resolution 15 – 01 Prevention of Gas Drive-Off Legislation

WHEREAS Persons who choose to steal fuel pose a danger to employees of service stations, themselves and other users of the highway, should they attempt to flee prosecution; and,

WHEREAS Section 334(b) of the *Criminal Code* makes it an offence to deprive the owner of anything, temporarily or absolutely, of it; and,

WHEREAS Without any current legislation, police officers squander resources investigating the intent of persons who “forget” to pay; and,

WHEREAS That since 2008 the province of British Columbia has Section 4.22.2 of their Occupational Health and Safety Regulations that require mandatory prepayment for fuel; and,

WHEREAS Albertans continue to be injured and/or killed during fuel thefts, when the offence is entirely preventable; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT

The Alberta Federation of Police Associations urges the Government of Alberta to improve the safety of Alberta’s service station employees by approving legislation requiring all drivers to pre-pay for fuel before being allowed access to the product.