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No one wants to go "Pay First" before pumping gas! To have to pay first seemed a needless punishment of the innocent -- you know those all those honest folks who would never drive away intentionally without paying for their gas! Moreover, to "pay first" simply makes getting gas inconvenient ~ we don't want to inconvenience our customers at our convenience stores! Therefore, in 1999, Florida Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association set out to change the law and help our members lower their drive-off losses.

In June 1999, the governor signed into law SB 1270, Title XLVI, Chapter 812.04, Theft section 5. In July 1999, FPMA notified all statewide law enforcement sending them a copy of the law and an announcement of media plans. Since August 1999, FPMA has issued over 60,000 Drive-Off decals, which are currently on gas pumps throughout the state. These Drive Off decals are a great deterrent and folks have told us they have cut their drive-off loss by 50-95%.

How the Florida law works:

The guilty party will be charged with a misdemeanor, face up to 60 days in jail and/or \$500 fine and the judge can choose to suspend the guilty party's driver's license for a 6 months suspension on first time offense, repeat offender's face one-year drivers license suspension.

