
By: **Delegate Glassman**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) and Maryland's Water Resources**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the Maryland Congressional Delegation to take action to
4 expand both financial and programmatic federal resources available from the
5 U.S. Congress and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to address the
6 impact of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) in gasoline on Maryland's water
7 resources; and generally relating to MTBE and Maryland's water resources.

8 WHEREAS, Methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), a volatile, flammable, colorless
9 liquid, has been added to gasoline since the phaseout of leaded gasoline in the late
10 1970s; and

11 WHEREAS, MTBE can be introduced into the environment, particularly water,
12 from leaking underground and aboveground petroleum storage tanks; and

13 WHEREAS, MTBE has been found in public water systems and wells
14 throughout the State; and

15 WHEREAS, MTBE, with its turpentine-like odor, creates not only
16 quality-of-life issues, but has been characterized by the U.S. Environmental
17 Protection Agency as having the potential to be a carcinogenic hazard to human
18 health; and

19 WHEREAS, An increasing number of sites throughout the State have been
20 found to be contaminated with MTBE; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
22 Maryland Congressional Delegation is urged to take action to expand both financial
23 and programmatic federal resources available from the U.S. Congress and the U.S.
24 Environmental Protection Agency to address the impact of MTBE in gasoline on
25 Maryland's water resources; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
27 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;
28 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
29 the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
2 Legislative Services to President George W. Bush, The White House, 1600
3 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20500; the Honorable Mike Leavitt,
4 Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania
5 Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460; and the Maryland Congressional Delegation:
6 Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building,
7 Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, C. A. Dutch
8 Ruppertsberger III, Benjamin L. Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer,
9 Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House
10 Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.