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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment - Gasoline Containing Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether -**
3 **Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting, on or after a certain date, a person from selling,
5 offering for sale, supplying or offering for supply gasoline that contains more
6 than a certain amount of methyl tertiary butyl ether by volume; authorizing the
7 Department of the Environment to adopt certain regulations; requiring the
8 Department to conduct a certain study and issue a certain report to certain
9 legislative committees on or before a certain date; and generally relating to
10 prohibiting the sale of gasoline that contains methyl tertiary butyl ether.

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Environment
13 Section 4-404
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Environment**

19 4-404.

20 (A) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2008, A PERSON MAY NOT SELL, OFFER FOR
21 SALE, SUPPLY, OR OFFER FOR SUPPLY GASOLINE THAT CONTAINS MORE THAN 0.5%
22 OF METHYL TERTIARY BUTYL ETHER BY VOLUME.

23 (B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE
24 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of the
26 Environment shall study and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article,
27 report on or before December 1, 2006, to the Senate Education, Health, and

1 Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee
2 regarding the practicability and economic, environmental, and public health effects of
3 replacing methyl tertiary butyl ether with ethanol in gasoline sold in the State.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2005.