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ENROLLED BILL

-- Environmental Matters/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Delegates Glassman, Benson, Boteler, Boutin, DeBoy, Gaines, Impallaria, James, Kach, Love, McComas, McDonough, Montgomery, and Shewell** Shewell, V. Clagett, Jennings, Stull, and Weir

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment - ~~Reformulated Gasoline~~ - Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether - Clean**
3 **Gasoline Alternatives - Report**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Maryland Department of the Environment to~~
5 ~~request that the United States Environmental Protection Agency take prompt~~
6 ~~action to waive federal requirements that certain reformulated gasoline be sold~~
7 ~~in the State;~~ requiring the Department of the Environment, on or before a
8 certain date, to develop and submit, to certain legislative committees, ~~a plan~~
9 ~~regarding the phasing out of~~ a report on the viability of alternatives to the use
10 of methyl tertiary butyl ether in gasoline sold in the State; providing for the
11 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the use of methyl tertiary butyl
12 ether in gasoline sold in the State.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Maryland Department of the Environment ~~shall:~~

1 (a) Request that the United States Environmental Protection Agency take
2 prompt action to waive federal requirements that reformulated gasoline, containing a
3 minimum oxygen content in accordance with the provisions of the 1990 amendments
4 to the Clean Air Act, be sold in the State; and

5 (b) ~~On~~ shall, on or before December 1, ~~2006~~ 2005, develop and submit, subject
6 to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, a ~~plan report~~ to the Senate Education,
7 Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters
8 Committee ~~regarding the phasing out of~~ on the viability of alternatives to the use of
9 methyl tertiary butyl ether in gasoline sold in the State, including:

10 (1) The availability of other oxygenates;

11 (2) The economic implications of using other oxygenates; and

12 (3) The environmental impacts on the State of using other oxygenates;

13 (4) The effectiveness and efficiency of the use of bacteria and other
14 microorganisms to clean both isolated and widespread incidences of oil and gasoline
15 contamination of soil and groundwater, a process known as "bioremediation"; and

16 (5) The short and long term effectiveness of bioremediation compared to
17 other methods of cleaning soil and groundwater contamination.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 ~~October~~ July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~1 year and 3 6~~ months
20 and, at the end of December 31, ~~2006~~ 2005, with no further action required by the
21 General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.