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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment - Reformulated Gasoline - Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether**

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

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

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

17 (b) On or before December 1, 2006, develop and submit, subject to § 2-1246 of
18 the State Government Article, a plan to the Senate Education, Health, and
19 Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee
20 regarding the phasing-out of the use of methyl tertiary butyl ether in gasoline sold in
21 the State.

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