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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:~~

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

19 (b) ~~On shall, on~~ or before December 1, 2006, develop and submit, subject to §  
20 2-1246 of the State Government Article, a ~~plan~~ report to the Senate Education,  
21 Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters  
22 Committee ~~regarding the phasing out of~~ on the viability of alternatives to the use of  
23 methyl tertiary butyl ether in gasoline sold in the State, including:

- 1           (1)     The availability of other oxygenates;
- 2           (2)     The economic implications of using other oxygenates; and
- 3           (3)     The environmental impacts on the State of using other oxygenates.

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