

1 WHEREAS, As water is a precious and vital resource to the State's growing
2 population, agricultural industry, Chesapeake Bay, and unique environment, the
3 General Assembly finds and declares that it is imperative that the State halt further
4 contamination and pollution of the State's groundwater supplies by potentially
5 harmful oxygenates; now, therefore,

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

8 **Article - Environment**

9 4-404.

10 (A) ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2006, A PERSON MAY NOT SELL, OFFER FOR
11 SALE, SUPPLY, OR OFFER FOR SUPPLY GASOLINE THAT CONTAINS MORE THAN 0.5%,
12 BY VOLUME, OF:

- 13 (1) METHYL TERTIARY BUTYL ETHER;
- 14 (2) ETHYL TERTIARY BUTYL ETHER; OR
- 15 (3) TERTIARY AMYL METHYL ETHER.

16 (B) ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2010, A PERSON MAY NOT SELL, OFFER FOR
17 SALE, SUPPLY, OR OFFER FOR SUPPLY GASOLINE THAT CONTAINS:

- 18 (1) METHYL TERTIARY BUTYL ETHER;
- 19 (2) ETHYL TERTIARY BUTYL ETHER; OR
- 20 (3) TERTIARY AMYL METHYL ETHER.

21 (C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE
22 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2005.