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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mid-Atlantic Regional Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether Compact**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of the Environment to negotiate with the
4 surrounding Mid-Atlantic states on the creation of a Mid-Atlantic Regional
5 Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether Compact; requiring the Compact to study certain
6 issues; requiring the Department to submit a certain report to the General
7 Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the creation of a
8 Mid-Atlantic Regional Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether Compact.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (a) The Secretary of the Environment shall negotiate with the surrounding
12 Mid-Atlantic states on the creation of a Mid-Atlantic Regional Methyl Tertiary Butyl
13 Ether Compact.

14 (b) The members of the Compact shall study issues related to the use of the
15 gasoline additive methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) in the region, including:

16 (1) The prevalence of gasoline containing MTBE sold in the region;

17 (2) The regional impacts, both beneficial and detrimental, to public
18 health and the environment of using MTBE; and

19 (3) The feasibility and effectiveness of using alternative additives,
20 including ethanol, throughout the region.

21 (c) On or before December 31, 2006, the Department shall report to the
22 General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on
23 the status of the Compact.

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