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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State-Owned Vehicles - State Fleet Biodiesel Fuel Usage Act of 2006**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State to ensure that at least a certain percentage of
4 vehicles using diesel fuel in the State vehicle fleet in certain fiscal years use a
5 blend of fuel containing at least a certain percentage of biodiesel fuel; defining a
6 certain term; exempting certain vehicles; and generally relating to the use of
7 biodiesel fuel in State vehicles.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - State Finance and Procurement
10 Section 14-407
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

16 14-407.

17 (A) ~~IN THIS SECTION, "BIODIESEL FUEL" MEANS AN ALTERNATIVE MOTOR~~
18 ~~FUEL PRODUCED FROM A RENEWABLE RESOURCE SUCH AS VEGETABLE OIL OR~~
19 ~~ANIMAL FAT;~~

20 (1) A FUEL, COMPRISED OF MONO-ALKYL ESTERS OF LONG CHAIN
21 FATTY ACIDS DERIVED FROM VEGETABLE OILS OR ANIMAL FATS, THAT IS

1 DESIGNATED B100 AND MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF ASTM D 6751 AND ITS
2 SUCCESSORS; OR

3 (2) A BLEND OF BIODIESEL FUEL MEETING ASTM D 6751 WITH
4 PETROLEUM-BASED DIESEL FUEL, DESIGNATED AS BXX, WHERE XX REPRESENTS
5 THE VOLUME PERCENTAGE OF BIODIESEL FUEL IN THE BLEND.

6 (B) IN FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND IN EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR, THE STATE
7 SHALL ENSURE THAT AT LEAST 50% OF THE VEHICLES USING DIESEL FUEL IN THE
8 STATE VEHICLE FLEET USE A BLEND OF FUEL THAT IS AT LEAST 5% BIODIESEL FUEL.

9 (C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY STATE VEHICLE FOR WHICH
10 MECHANICAL FAILURE DUE TO USE OF BIODIESEL FUEL WILL VOID THE
11 MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY FOR THAT VEHICLE.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
13 effect October 1, 2006.