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By: Chairman, Finance Committee (By Request - Departmental -

**Comptroller**)

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CHAPTER

1 AN ACT concerning

## 2 Motor Fuel - Gasoline Commingling by Brand or Grade - Prohibition

- 3 FOR the purpose of providing that a marina may not commingle gasoline under
- 4 certain circumstances; providing that certain motor fuel sellers and petroleum
- 5 transporters may not commingle gasoline by brand or grade; requiring the State
- 6 Comptroller to notify marinas in the State of the requirements of this Act;
- 7 providing for the effective dates of this Act; and generally relating to
- 8 prohibitions against commingling gasoline by brand or grade.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article Business Regulation
- 11 Section 10-322 and 10-323
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)
- 14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 Article - Business Regulation

17 10-322.

- 18 A retail service station dealer OR MARINA may not with intent to defraud
- 19 commingle gasoline by brand or grade.

- 1 10-323.
- 2 (a) A common carrier, contract carrier, manufacturer, refiner, special fuel
- 3 seller, wholesaler of motor fuel, or person who buys motor fuel in bulk for resale in
- 4 bulk who is engaged in the transportation of motor fuel may not willfully adulterate
- 5 or commingle:
- 6 (1) gasoline with special fuel; OR
- 7 (2) GASOLINE BY BRAND OR GRADE.
- 8 (b) Except for motor fuel intended for its own use, a petroleum transporter 9 may not place an additive in motor fuel.
- 10 (c) This section does not prohibit the adulteration or commingling of gasoline
- 11 with special fuel that occurs as a natural result of transit in a pipeline carrier.
- 12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Comptroller
- 13 shall notify all marinas located in Maryland regarding the requirements of this Act by
- 14 bulletin, or any other appropriate means as determined by the State Comptroller.
- 15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall
- 16 take effect October 1, 2006.
- 17 SECTION 2. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
- 18 Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October September 1, 2006.