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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Prohibition on the Sale of Motor Fuel Containing Corn-based Ethanol

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

Handwritten signature of Robert B. Hunt in cursive.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, AUSTIN of Gray, BATES of Westbrook, BATTLE of South
Portland, BEAVERS of South Berwick, BLACK of Wilton, BUCKLAND of Farmington, CAMPBELL
of Orrington, CHAPMAN of Brooksville, CHENETTE of Saco, COREY of Windham, CRAFTS of
Lisbon, DAVITT of Hampden, DeCHANT of Bath, DEVIN of Newcastle, DILLINGHAM of Oxford,
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of Glenburn, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston, HARLOW of Portland, HEAD of
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GRATWICK of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, HASKELL of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec,
LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, McCORMICK of Kennebec, PATRICK of Oxford,
ROSEN of Hancock, President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1457-B, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 249, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Contingent effective date.** This section does not take effect until at least ~~40~~ 3
5 other states ~~or a number of states with a collective population of 30,000,000~~ have enacted
6 laws that prohibit the sale of motor fuel containing corn-based ethanol. The
7 Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall notify the Revisor of
8 Statutes when ~~40~~ 3 other states ~~or a number of states having a collective population of~~
9 ~~30,000,000~~ have adopted laws that prohibit the sale of motor fuel containing corn-based
10 ethanol.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 Current law provides that the prohibition on the sale of motor fuel containing corn-
13 based ethanol does not take effect until at least 10 other states or a number of states with a
14 collective population of 30,000,000 have enacted laws that prohibit the sale of motor fuel
15 containing corn-based ethanol. This bill amends the law to provide that this prohibition
16 takes effect only if at least 3 other states have enacted laws that prohibit the sale of motor
17 fuel containing corn-based ethanol.