

By: Representative Fleming

To: Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 1

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-55-22, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF METHYL TERT-BUTYL ETHER (MTBE) AS A FUEL
3 ADDITIVE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. Section 75-55-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 75-55-22. Any person located in Mississippi, except the
8 holder of a refiner or a processor's permit, who blends or mixes
9 alcohol blended fuel for sale, delivery, exchange or use in
10 Mississippi shall obtain from the commissioner a permit
11 authorizing him to engage in business as a producer of alcohol
12 blended fuel. Each producer of alcohol blended fuel shall have
13 the necessary equipment to insure a complete and homogeneous
14 mixture. The finished product shall meet all of the state's
15 standards and specifications and shall not be transferred, sold,
16 exchanged, delivered, used or disposed of by any other means until
17 approved by the commissioner and the State Chemist. Any use of
18 Methyl Tert-Butyl Ether (MTBE) as a fuel additive is prohibited.

19 All alcohol blended fuel transported or imported into the
20 State of Mississippi shall comply with all specifications and
21 standards adopted by this state for such use.

22 All gasoline, leaded or unleaded, kept, offered, or exposed
23 for sale, or sold, at retail containing one percent (1%) or more
24 by volume of ethanol, methanol or an ethanol/methanol mixture,
25 shall be identified as "with" or "containing" (or similar wording)
26 "ethanol," "methanol" or "ethanol/methanol" on the upper fifty
27 percent (50%) of the dispenser front panels in a position clear



28 and conspicuous from the driver's position, in a type at least
29 one-half (1/2) inch in height, and one-sixteenth (1/16) inch
30 stroke (width of type). All letters shall be black with a
31 contrasting background.

32 All distributors, processors, refiners, and any other persons
33 receiving, storing, selling, distributing or transporting gasoline
34 that contains one percent (1%) by volume or more of methanol,
35 ethanol or other alcohol shall identify the type or chemical name
36 and percentage of such alcohol on any invoice, bill of lading,
37 shipping paper or on any other type of documentation which is used
38 in normal and customary practice in the petroleum industry.

39 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after July 1, 2001.

