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To: Finance; Energy

SENATE BILL NO. 2137

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE RETAIL DEALERS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF GASOLINE
2 TO OFFER FOR SALE OR USE NONETHANOL-BLENDED UNLEADED PREMIUM GRADE
3 GASOLINE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) For the purposes of this section, the
6 following terms shall have the meanings ascribed below, unless the
7 context clearly indicates otherwise:

8 (a) "Antiknock index number" means the number assigned
9 to a spark ignition engine fuel that designates the fuel's ability
10 to resist engine knock.

11 (b) "Distributor" shall mean any person engaged in the
12 sale, consignment or distribution of petroleum products to
13 wholesale or retail outlets, whether or not such person owns,
14 leases or in any way controls such outlets.

15 (c) "Retail dealer" shall mean any person who operates
16 a service station, filling station, store, garage or other place
17 of business for the sale of motor fuel for delivery into the
18 service tank or tanks of any vehicle propelled by an internal
19 combustion engine.

20 (d) "Retail fuel outlet" shall mean a place at which
21 gasoline and oil are stored and supplied to the public, which is
22 operated directly by a refiner or distributor.

23 (2) Any retail dealer and any distributor, doing business in
24 the State of Mississippi, shall hold, store, import, transfer and
25 offer for sale or use nonethanol-blended unleaded premium grade
26 gasoline with an antiknock index number of 91 or greater.



27 (3) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce is
28 authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to
29 carry out the provisions of this section.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after July 1, 2012.

