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House of Representatives, March 3, 2015

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

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

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,  
DUNPHY of Embden, EDGECOMB of Fort Fairfield, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FOLEY of Wells,  
GERRISH of Lebanon, GILBERT of Jay, GINZLER of Bridgton, GREENWOOD of Wales, GUERIN  
of Glenburn, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HANLEY of Pittston, HARLOW of Portland, HEAD of  
Bethel, HERRICK of Paris, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HILLIARD of Belgrade, HOBART of  
Bowdoinham, HOBBINS of Saco, KINNEY of Limington, KINNEY of Knox, KUMIEGA of Deer  
Isle, LONG of Sherman, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, LYFORD of Eddington, MAKER of Calais,  
MALABY of Hancock, McELWEE of Caribou, NADEAU of Winslow, O'CONNOR of Berwick,  
PARRY of Arundel, PETERSON of Rumford, PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, PICKETT of Dixfield, REED  
of Carmel, RUSSELL of Portland, SAWICKI of Auburn, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SHORT of  
Pittsfield, SIROCKI of Scarborough, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STEARNS of Guilford, STETKIS of  
Canaan, THERIAULT of China, TIMMONS of Cumberland, TUELL of East Machias, TURNER of  
Burlington, VACHON of Scarborough, WALLACE of Dexter, WARD of Dedham, WHITE of  
Washburn, WOOD of Sabattus, Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, BRAKEY of Androscoggin, BREEN  
of Cumberland, COLLINS of York, CUSHING of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec, DAVIS of  
Piscataquis, DIAMOND of Cumberland, EDGECOMB of Aroostook, GERZOFKY of Cumberland,  
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.