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House of Representatives, February 19, 2009

**An Act To Allow the Sale and Use of Fuel Containing MTBE in a
Vehicle in a Competitive Event**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative LEWIN of Eliot.
Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BURNS of Whiting, EDGECOMB of Caribou,
HAMPER of Oxford, JOHNSON of Greenville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §585-I, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 638, §4, is amended
3 to read:

4 **2. Prohibition on sale.** Beginning January 1, 2007, a person may not sell, offer for
5 sale, distribute or blend in this State gasoline that contains more than 1/2 of 1% by
6 volume MTBE that is intended for sale to ultimate consumers in this State, except under
7 the provisions of subsection 4.

8 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §585-I, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

9 **4. Exception for motor vehicle racing.** The provisions of subsection 2 do not apply
10 to gasoline that contains more than 1/2 of 1% by volume MTBE that is sold for or used
11 by a motor vehicle in a race under Title 8, chapter 22, as long as the gasoline containing
12 MTBE is sold and distributed in prepackaged drums, pails or containers.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill allows gasoline containing MTBE to be sold for or used by a motor vehicle
15 in a race as long as the gasoline with MTBE is sold and distributed in prepackaged
16 drums, pails or containers.