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H.P. 303

House of Representatives, February 14, 2013

**An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Gasoline That Contains Ethanol as
an Additive at a Level Greater than 10 Percent by Volume**

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered
printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative LONG of Sherman.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BLACK of Wilton, COOPER of Yarmouth, CRAY of
Palmyra, GIFFORD of Lincoln, HARLOW of Portland, REED of Carmel, TIMBERLAKE of
Turner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §585-M** is enacted to read:

3 **§585-M. Prohibition on sale of gasoline containing ethanol**

4 **1. Prohibition on sale.** A person may not sell or offer for sale gasoline that contains
5 ethanol as an additive at a level greater than 10% by volume.

6 **2. Effective date.** This section does not take effect until at least 2 of the 6 New
7 England states in addition to this State have enacted laws that prohibit the sale of gasoline
8 that contains ethanol as an additive at a level greater than 10% by volume. The
9 commissioner shall notify the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of
10 the House of Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes when at least 2 New England
11 states in addition to this State have enacted laws that prohibit the sale of gasoline that
12 contains ethanol at a level greater than 10% by volume. In no event may this section take
13 effect until 90 days after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 126th
14 Legislature.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill prohibits the sale of gasoline that contains ethanol as an additive at a level
17 greater than 10% by volume, if at least 2 other New England states enact laws that
18 prohibit such sales.