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H 1099. SULFUR CONTENT LIMITS FOR GASOLINE. *TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN LIMITS FOR THE SULFUR CONTENT OF GASOLINE.* Effective Oct. 1, 2002, prohibits the manufacture or sale of gasoline with more than 40 parts per million of sulfur, provided that a person can make or sell gasoline during a one-year period with up to 81 parts per million gasoline if the average concentration of sulfur in the gasoline made or sold by that person during that one-year period is less than 30 parts per million. Prohibits manufacture or sale of diesel fuel with more than 50 parts per million of sulfur after the earlier of Oct. 1, 2005 or Oct. 1 of the year that the Dep't of Agriculture and Consumer Services reports to the General Assembly that diesel-powered vehicles have significantly entered a sports utility vehicle, minivan and light truck market. Requires Dep't of Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt regulations to implement the act and to report to the General Assembly, in consultation with Dep't of Environment and Natural Resources and the Dep't of Transportation, no later than Oct. 1 of each year on the transition to diesel engines. Requires DENR, in consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to report to the General Assembly by Jan. 1, 2002 on the potential air quality benefits of even lower sulfur levels in gasoline.

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