

April 21, 2005

**H 1336. PHASE OUT THE USE OF MTBE'S IN FUELS. TO PHASE OUT THE USE OF METHYL TERTIARY BUTYL ETHER (MTBE) IN GASOLINE AND ALL OTHER FUELS.** Enacts new GS 143-214.4A as title indicates. Requires that the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources implement a plan that will eliminate MTBE as a fuel additive no later than December 31, 2007, and that Secretary submit two progress reports on the plan's status to the Environmental Review Comm'n, the first by January 1, 2007, and the second by July 1, 2007. Effective October 1, 2005.

**Intro. by Tolson, Insko.**

Ref. to Environment

GS 143

May 31, 2005

**H 1336. PROHIBIT MTBE IN FUELS/REGIONAL COOPERATION (NEW).** Intro. 4/21/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes title to *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF METHYL TERTIARY BUTYL ETHER (MTBE) IN MOTOR FUELS, TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVANTAGES OF A COORDINATED APPROACH TO THE PHASEOUT OF MTBE IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY AND THE COMMISSIONER TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH SOUTHEASTERN STATES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A REGIONAL APPROACH.* As title indicates. Enacts new GS 119-26.3 effective January 1, 2008, to prohibit the knowing addition of MTBE to any motor fuel manufactured, distributed, stored, sold, or offered for sale in the state, and prohibit the manufacture, distribution, storage, and sale of any motor fuel with a concentration of MTBE of more than one-half of one percent. Does not prohibit the transport of fuel that contains MTBE through the state. Directs that the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources and the Commissioner of Agriculture to jointly report on the results of the study of the coordinated approach to the phase out to the Environmental Review Commission. An interim report is due March 1, 2006, with the final report including recommendations due on March 1, 2007.

June 27, 2005

**SL 2005-93 (H 1336). PROHIBIT MTBE IN FUELS/REGIONAL COOPERATION. AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF METHYL TERTIARY BUTYL ETHER (MTBE) IN MOTOR FUELS, TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVANTAGES OF A COORDINATED APPROACH TO THE PHASEOUT OF MTBE IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY AND THE COMMISSIONER TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH SOUTHEASTERN STATES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A REGIONAL APPROACH.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/21/05 and 5/31/05. Enacted June 21, 2005. Section 1 is effective January 1, 2008. The remainder is effective June 21, 2005.