



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

**HB3248**

Introduced 2/24/2011, by Rep. Richard Morthland

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 689/35 new  
20 ILCS 605/605-1010 new

Amends the Illinois Renewable Fuels Development Program Act. Sets out legislative findings regarding certain types of ethanol blended fuel. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may provide information to gas stations in the State encouraging the stations to offer E15 as an option for customers. Provides that the Department may provide information to gas stations on any financial assistance that may be available to subsidize the cost of providing E15 blended fuel to consumers.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Renewable Fuels Development  
5 Program Act is amended by adding Section 35 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 689/35 new)

7 Sec. 35. Increased Ethanol Content Encouragement Program.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds:

9 (1) Due to the increasing cost of motor fuel, gas  
10 stations in the State should be encouraged to offer motor  
11 fuel blended with 15% ethanol. Increasing the percentage of  
12 ethanol in motor fuel will help to reduce the cost of motor  
13 fuel.

14 (2) Existing studies show that some higher percentage  
15 blends of ethanol may be used in motor vehicles without  
16 requiring any modification to the vehicle.

17 (3) Motor vehicle manufacturers are encouraged to  
18 continue to expand production of flexible-fuel vehicles.  
19 Flexible-fuel vehicles are capable of using any blend of  
20 ethanol fuel up to 85% ethanol.

21 (4) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced  
22 E15 motor fuel blends to be safe for use in all cars and  
23 pickup trucks produced in 2001 and later. With this

1 announcement, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has  
2 approved the use of E15 for 62% of vehicles on the road  
3 today.

4 (b) The Department may provide information to gas stations  
5 in the State encouraging the gas stations to offer E15 blended  
6 fuel as an option for customers. The Department may provide gas  
7 stations in the State with information on any financial  
8 assistance that may be available to subsidize the cost of  
9 providing E15 blended fuel to consumers.

10 Section 10. The Department of Commerce and Economic  
11 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
12 amended by adding Section 605-1010 as follows:

13 (20 ILCS 605/605-1010 new)

14 Sec. 605-1010. Department authorized to provide  
15 information to gas stations. The Department is authorized to  
16 provide information to gas stations in the State encouraging  
17 the gas stations to offer E15 blended fuel as an option for  
18 customers. The Department may provide gas stations in the State  
19 with information on any financial assistance that may be  
20 available to subsidize the cost of providing E15 blended fuel  
21 to consumers.