

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.