

HB 1995 -- Missouri Energy Security Act

Sponsor: Johnson (47)

This bill establishes the Missouri Energy Security Act which requires, by January 1, 2010, that all motor fuel sold in Missouri for use in motor vehicles equipped to operate on gasoline be a gasoline ethanol blend. Ethanol-blended gasoline is required to contain at least 10% agriculturally derived, denatured ethanol by volume. The ethanol-blend mandate does not apply to aviation fuel. The Director of the Department of Agriculture may promulgate minimally intrusive rules to ensure compliance with the mandate. The Governor may, by executive order, waive the mandate statewide for any reason related to price, supply, environmental impact, or consumer impact.

All fuel terminals in the state must offer for sale gasoline which has not been blended with fuel ethanol. Fuel retailers, wholesalers, and distributors are allowed to sell unblended gasoline if, while the tanker or truck is loading at the terminal, a supply of gasoline ethanol blend is not readily available or the ethanol-blended gasoline is not available at the same or a lower price than unblended gasoline.

Fuel ethanol producers, retailers, wholesalers, distributors, and terminal owners or operators are granted immunity from any and all civil and product liability associated with the manufacture, storage, transportation, handling, or selling of fuel ethanol or gasoline ethanol blends.