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[Report No. 110–494]

To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study of the feasibility of increasing consumption in the United States of certain ethanol-blended gasoline.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 19, 2007

Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

SEPTEMBER 24 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008

Reported by Mrs. BOXER, with an amendment

[Omit the part struck through]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. STUDY OF INCREASED CONSUMPTION OF ETH-**
2 **ANOL-BLENDED GASOLINE WITH HIGHER**
3 **LEVELS OF ETHANOL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Envi-
5 ronmental Protection Agency, in cooperation with the Sec-
6 retary of Energy, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the
7 Secretary of Transportation, and after providing notice
8 and an opportunity for public comment, shall conduct a
9 study of the feasibility of increasing consumption in the
10 United States of ethanol-blended gasoline with levels of
11 ethanol of not less than 10 percent and not more than
12 40 percent.

13 (b) STUDY.—The study under subsection (a) shall in-
14 clude—

15 (1) a review of production and infrastructure
16 constraints on increasing the consumption of eth-
17 anol;

18 (2) an evaluation of the economic, market, and
19 energy impacts of State and regional differences in
20 ethanol blends;

21 (3) an evaluation of the economic, market, and
22 energy impacts on gasoline retailers and consumers
23 of separate and distinctly-labeled fuel storage facili-
24 ties and dispensers;

25 (4) an evaluation on the environmental impacts
26 of mid-level ethanol blends on evaporative and ex-

1 haust emissions from on-road, off-road and marine
2 engines, recreational boats, vehicles, and equipment;

3 (5) an evaluation of the impacts of mid-level
4 ethanol blends on the operation, durability and per-
5 formance of onroad, off-road, and marine engines,
6 recreational boats, vehicles, and equipment; and

7 (6) an evaluation of the safety impacts of mid-
8 level ethanol blends on consumers that own and op-
9 erate off-road and marine engines, recreational
10 boats, vehicles, or equipment.

11 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall sub-
13 mit to Congress a report describing the results of the
14 study conducted under this section.

15 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
16 authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator to
17 carry out the study under this section \$1,000,000.

18 ~~(e) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 211(f)(4) of~~
19 ~~the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(f)(4)) is amended by~~
20 ~~striking the last sentence and inserting the following:~~
21 ~~“The Administrator may approve an application to waive~~
22 ~~a prohibition under paragraph (1) or (3), or the limitation~~
23 ~~specified in paragraph (2), only after providing for notice~~
24 ~~and an opportunity for public comment.”.~~

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