By the Committee on Natural Resources and Senator Saunders

312-1496-01

1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to environmental protection;

3   requiring that the Department of Environmental

4   Protection study the use in this state of MTBE

5   as a gasoline additive; requiring that the

6   department report its findings and

7   recommendations to the Legislature; requesting

8   that representatives of the petroleum industry

9   participate in the study; providing an

10   effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14   Section 1. The Department of Environmental Protection,

15 in consultation with representatives of the petroleum

16 industry, shall study the effects and consequences of the use

17 of the gasoline additive methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) in

18 this state, the areas of concern resulting from the use of

19 MTBE, any alternative additives that may be used in place of

20 MTBE, and the effects and consequences of using those

21 alternative additives. The study must take into account the

22 results of the study on MTBE conducted by the Blue Ribbon

23 Panel of the United States Environmental Protection Agency,

24 determine the applicability of the results of that study, and

25 determine actions that should be undertaken in this state. By

26 January 15, 2002, the department shall submit to the

27 Legislature a report containing the results of its study and

28 the department's recommendations for legislation, if any. The

29 Legislature requests that representatives of the petroleum

30 industry participate with the department in the study to the

31 extent practicable.

 1   Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a

 2   law.

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 4   STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
                        COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
 5   SB 372

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 7   There are no substantial changes. The term "MTBE" is spelled
     out as methyl tertiary butyl ether the first time it is used
 8   in the bill.

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