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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 478, L.D. 1359, Bill, “An Act To Update and Simplify Maine Gasoline Requirements”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, in order to meet federal Clean Air Act requirements, from May 1st to September 15th, retailers who sell gasoline in 7 southern counties in the State may sell only gasoline that has a Reid vapor pressure no greater than 7.8 psi; and

Whereas, before the State can require the 7 counties to sell only reformulated gasoline during the summer months, the Department of Environmental Protection must submit a request to the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

Whereas, sufficient lead time is necessary for submittal of the State's request by the Department of Environmental Protection and review of the State's request by the United States Environmental Protection Agency prior to the 2014 summer season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §585-N is enacted to read:

§585-N. Reformulated gasoline

Beginning May 1, 2014, a retailer who sells gasoline in York, Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Androscoggin, Kennebec, Knox or Lincoln County may sell only reformulated gasoline in those counties.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

2 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
3 legislation takes effect when approved.'

4 **SUMMARY**

5 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and clause. The amendment changes,
6 from January 1, 2014 to May 1, 2014, the date on and after which retailers who sell
7 gasoline in 7 southern counties may sell only reformulated gasoline, and makes a
8 technical change to the section number to remove a conflict with recently enacted law.
9 The amendment retains the requirement that the Department of Environmental Protection
10 study the feasibility of the use of a single type of gasoline throughout the State.

11 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

12 **(See attached)**