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Bill Summary

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Overview

Current law requires that most gasoline sold in the state contain 2.7 percent oxygen by weight. This percentage of oxygen can be obtained by blending ethanol into petroleum gasoline at a ratio of approximately 7.8 percent ethanol to 92.2 percent gasoline. The type of oxygenate to be used in the Minnesota gasoline blend is **not** specified (however, another section of statute prohibits the use of MTBE, the primary commercial alternative to ethanol). House File 899 specifies that denatured ethanol be the oxygenate, and that it must constitute ten percent of the blended fuel.

Section

- 1** **Minimum ethanol content required.** The current oxygen mandate is rewritten to be a simple requirement that all gasoline sold or offered for sale in Minnesota (except exempt gasoline) must contain ten percent denatured ethanol by volume.