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Bill Summary

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Overview

Since October 1, 1997, virtually all motor vehicle gasoline sold in Minnesota has been required to be a blend of petroleum gasoline and approximately ten percent agriculturally derived ethanol. House File 223 would require that by January 1, 2010, or earlier if new model automobile warranties meet certain requirements, the percentage of ethanol would be increased to a minimum 20 percent.

Section

- 1** **Definition; gasoline blended with ethanol.** Amends the existing statutory definition of "gasoline blended with ethanol" to allow gasoline to be blended with up to 20 percent ethanol by volume.
- 2** **Minimum ethanol content required.** Amends the current state mandate for ten percent ethanol in gasoline sold or offered for sale in the state to be a 20 percent mandate after the earlier of January 1, 2010, or two months after an announcement that 50 percent of new model automobiles offered for sale in the state have a warranty that covers use with a 20 percent ethanol blend. Extends the range of flexibility for qualifying as 20 percent ethanol to match the existing flexibility with ten percent ethanol.
- 3** **Definition; agricultural alcohol gasoline.** Amends the existing definition of "agricultural alcohol gasoline" to allow a gasoline-ethanol blend of up to 20 percent agriculturally derived ethanol.
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