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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 52
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A RESOLUTION directing the department of environment and conservation to conduct a study relative to the public safety and health risks associated with the gasoline additive, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE).

WHEREAS, in order to provide Tennesseans with clean water, clean air and an environment free of toxic or otherwise harmful agents for present and future generations, the general assembly recognizes the necessity of removing methyl tertiarybutyl ether (MTBE) from gasoline; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the department of environment and conservation is hereby directed to conduct a study relative to the various public safety and health risks associated with methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and especially the threat that the continued use of MTBE in gasoline poses to Tennessee's groundwater supply and consequently the state's drinking water supply.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in conducting such study, the department of environment and conservation shall review and evaluate impact studies relative to the

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maintenance and improvement of emissions and air quality benefits achieved by the use of reformulated gasoline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the department of environment and conservation shall also explore the feasibility and determine the fiscal impact of expending excess funds in the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Fund to effectuate the removal of MTBE from gasoline and the introduction of reformulated gasoline into Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of environment and conservation.