

HARRY HUGHES, Governor

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cost-effectiveness of the use of alcohol in the production of motor vehicle fuels and a forecast as to the production of alcohol in this State.

SECTION 2 (3). AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 1985, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

June 1, 1982

The Honorable James Clark, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 624.

That bill would affect the motor vehicle fuel tax on gasohol by taxing gasohol produced in Maryland at the rate of four cents less per gallon than other motor vehicle fuels. The reduced tax would be in effect for Fiscal Years 1983 through 1985.

The Attorney General has determined in the attached letter that the discriminatory reduction of the tax on gasohol produced in Maryland violates the provisions of Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Federal Constitution, and that therefore the bill is unconstitutional.

For that reason, I have vetoed Senate bill 624.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

May 24, 1982

The Honorable Harry Hughes
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Re: Senate Bill 624

Dear Governor Hughes: