

2016 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

ENVIRONMENT QUALITY DEPT. Requests the Department of Environmental Quality to study the removal of certain Reid vapor pressure requirements in certain parishes.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to study the removal of Reid vapor pressure gasoline requirements in Ascension, Beauregard, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. Mary, and West Baton Rouge parishes.

WHEREAS, a healthy atmosphere with clean air is an indisputable concern for our world, our nation, and our state; and

WHEREAS, emissions caused by the volatility of gasoline has been thought to be a contributing factor in the deterioration of the ozone; and

WHEREAS, Reid vapor pressure is a common measure of and generic term for this gasoline volatility; and

WHEREAS, current law requires the United States Environmental Protection Agency to set a maximum gasoline Reid vapor pressure (RVP) standard of 9.0 pounds per square inch from June 1st to September 15th of each year but allows a more stringent standard of 7.8 pounds per square inch in areas that do not qualify as having reached ozone attainment requirements; and

WHEREAS, currently in Louisiana this special RVP requirement is enforced in

1 Ascension, Beauregard, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafayette,
2 Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St.
3 Mary, and West Baton Rouge parishes; and

4 WHEREAS, recent scientific data is proving that the reduced RVP has little to no
5 impact on the quality of the air and ozone; and

6 WHEREAS, these lower standards are a burden on manufacturing special blends of
7 gasoline, thus costing the consumer more for fuel and thus hurting the economy.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 request the Department of Environmental Quality study the removal of the lower summer
10 Reid vapor pressure requirements in Ascension, Beauregard, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge,
11 Iberville, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard,
12 St. Charles, St. James, St. Mary, and West Baton Rouge parishes.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14 secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

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