

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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 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; and

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the Department of Environmental Quality study the removal of the lower summer Reid vapor pressure 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.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES