98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB3369

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 689/35 new 20 ILCS 605/605-1020 new

Amends the Illinois Renewable Fuels Development Program Act. Sets out legislative findings regarding certain types of ethanol blended fuel. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity may provide information to gas stations in the State encouraging the stations to offer E15 as an option for customers. Provides that the Department may provide information to gas stations on any financial assistance that may be available to subsidize the cost of providing E15 blended fuel to consumers.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning State government.

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2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Renewable Fuels Development
Program Act is amended by adding Section 35 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 689/35 new)

Sec. 35. Increased Ethanol Content Encouragement Program. (a) The General Assembly finds:

9 (1) Due to the cost of motor fuel, gas stations in the 10 State should be encouraged to offer motor fuel blended with 11 15% ethanol. Increasing the percentage of ethanol in motor 12 fuel will help to reduce the cost of motor fuel.

13 (2) Existing studies show that some higher percentage
 14 blends of ethanol may be used in motor vehicles without
 15 requiring any modification to the vehicle.

16 <u>(3) Motor vehicle manufacturers are encouraged to</u> 17 <u>continue to expand production of flexible-fuel vehicles.</u> 18 <u>Flexible-fuel vehicles are capable of using any blend of</u> 19 <u>ethanol fuel up to 85% ethanol.</u>

(4) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced
 E15 motor fuel blends to be safe for use in all cars and
 pickup trucks produced in 2001 and later. With this
 announcement, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has

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1 <u>approved the use of E15 for 62% of vehicles on the road</u> 2 today.

3 (b) The Department may provide information to gas stations 4 in the State encouraging the gas stations to offer E15 blended 5 fuel as an option for customers. The Department may provide gas 6 stations in the State with information on any financial 7 assistance that may be available to subsidize the cost of 8 providing E15 blended fuel to consumers.

9 Section 10. The Department of Commerce and Economic
10 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
11 amended by adding Section 605-1020 as follows:

12 (20 ILCS 605/605-1020 new) Sec. 605-1020. Department authorized to provide 13 14 information to gas stations. The Department is authorized to 15 provide information to gas stations in the State encouraging 16 the gas stations to offer E15 blended fuel as an option for 17 customers. The Department may provide gas stations in the State with information on any financial assistance that may be 18 available to subsidize the cost of providing E15 blended fuel 19

20 to consumers.