



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 90

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1 **Relating to:** ethanol-blended gasoline.

2 Whereas, the Renewable Fuel Standard is a program developed by the U.S.
3 Environmental Protection Agency to regulate and require that transportation fuel
4 sold in the United States contain a minimum volume of renewable fuel; and

5 Whereas, while 10 percent ethanol blends have become standard at most gas
6 stations across the country, the Environmental Protection Agency, along with
7 ethanol producers, continues to push for E-15, a 15 percent ethanol blend, despite
8 the warnings of auto and engine manufacturers around the world; and

9 Whereas, Wisconsin's small engine manufacturers like Mercury Marine and
10 Briggs & Stratton warn that E-15 can cause severe damage to engines that power
11 lawnmowers, chainsaws, snowmobiles, motorcycles, fishing boats and jet skis; and

12 Whereas, auto and motorcycle manufacturers have gone so far as to include
13 E-15 warning labels on gas caps and owner's manuals to indicate that many engines
14 were not designed for increased ethanol content and damage could occur that would
15 nullify manufacturer warranties; and

1 Whereas, the American Automobile Association says the Environmental
2 Protection Agency and gasoline retailers should halt the sale of E-15 and warns that
3 just 12 million out of more than 240 million cars, trucks, SUVs, and motorcycles in
4 use today have manufacturer approval for E-15; now, therefore, be it

5 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
6 Wisconsin legislature urge Congress to pass H.R. 875 to scientifically determine the
7 effects that E-15 will have on internal combustion engines of all types.

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