

diately after Section 157M thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Removal of Lead in Gasoline," to abate ~~and eliminate~~ SUBSTANTIALLY lead in gasoline; to prohibit lead additives; to provide for the administration of this subtitle by the Gasoline Tax Division of the Maryland Office of the Comptroller, ~~to except certain vehicles which cannot operate properly under the requirements of this subtitle,~~ and to inspect and test gasoline for lead content at establishments selling or distributing gasoline; to provide exceptions for racing vehicles; to limit the operation of this subtitle to gasoline only; to provide the penalty of imprisonment or fines, or both, when the provisions of this subtitle are violated; to authorize the Attorney General to enjoin the operation of any business, corporation or copartnership when the provisions of this subtitle are violated; to provide for a message by the Governor to the President of the United States encouraging him to direct the automotive industry to seek an alternative to the internal combustion engine.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 157N through 157U, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Licenses," to follow immediately after Section 157M thereof, to be under the new subtitle "Removal of Lead in Gasoline," and to read as follows:

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*(a) After January 1, 1972, no gasoline containing more than 1.0 grams of lead (tetraethyl lead) per gallon shall be sold or distributed in this State except to specially registered vehicles meeting requirements set forth in this subtitle.*

*(b) After January 1, 1974, no gasoline containing more than 0.5 grams of lead (tetraethyl lead) per gallon shall be sold or distributed in this State except to specially registered vehicles meeting requirements set forth in this subtitle.*

*(c) After January 1, 1975, no gasoline containing lead (tetraethyl lead) shall be sold or distributed in this State except to specially registered vehicles meeting requirements set forth in this subtitle.*

(A) AFTER JANUARY 1, 1972 NO GASOLINE CONTAINING MORE THAN 3.0 GRAMS OF LEAD PER GALLON SHALL BE SOLD OR DISTRIBUTED IN THIS STATE.

(B) AFTER JANUARY 1, 1974 NO GASOLINE CONTAINING MORE THAN 2.0 GRAMS OF LEAD PER GALLON SHALL BE SOLD OR DISTRIBUTED IN THIS STATE.

(C) AFTER JANUARY 1, 1976 NO GASOLINE CONTAINING MORE THAN 1.0 GRAMS OF LEAD PER GALLON SHALL BE SOLD OR DISTRIBUTED IN THIS STATE.

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*It shall be unlawful to introduce additives containing tetraethyl lead into gasoline after it is sold.*