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CONSUMER AND FUEL RETAILER CHOICE ACT OF 2023

The *Consumer and Retailer Choice Act of 2023* would allow for the year-round, nationwide sale of E15 by permanently extending the Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) volatility waiver to ethanol blends above 10 percent.

To ensure uniformity and prevent a patchwork of regulations from disrupting the national fuel supply chain, the legislation also includes language to nullify pending governors' petitions to remove the 1-psi waiver for E10 ethanol. Last year, nine governors filed requests with the EPA that would allow them to sell E15 year-round at the state level. On March 1, 2023, the EPA issued a proposed rule to remove the 1-psi waiver for E10 ethanol in eight states starting in 2024, which would allow E15 to be sold in those states.

While the EPA officially approved the year-round sale of E15 in 2019, a number of legal and regulatory battles have prevented this from happening. Instead, currently, the EPA must issue emergency fuel waivers each summer on an ad hoc basis. The lack of long-term certainty has held biofuels back from being fully integrated into fuel markets.

In addition to helping consumers at the pump, expanding the usage of E15 benefits the environment. A 2021 study found that greenhouse gas emissions from ethanol are 46% lower than traditional gasoline. Another study from Argonne National Lab found that, between 2005 and 2019, corn ethanol contributed to a 500-million-ton reduction in total greenhouse gas emissions.

Iowa is ranked first in the nation in biofuel production.