

**HB 2185 - DIGEST**

Finds that reduction or removal of benzene in groundwater and drinking water is crucial for the protection of human health and safety and to protect Washington's environment.

Recognizes that one source of harmful benzene levels in Washington groundwater is gasoline spills or leaks from underground storage tanks, landfills, or gasoline pipelines.

Declares that no person shall import into Washington, or sell, dispense, or offer for sale in Washington, any motor fuel that contains greater than .62 percent by volume of benzene, if that motor fuel may spill or leak into any groundwaters or surface waters in Washington.

Does not intend to control or prohibit any characteristic or component of a fuel or fuel additive in a motor vehicle or motor vehicle engine for purposes of motor vehicle emission control.