

Missouri now requiring set ethanol content in gas

Jan. 4 -- Gasoline sold in Missouri must contain 10 percent ethanol effective Jan. 1.

Gov. Matt Blunt signed the legislation in July 2006, but it didn't go into effect until this year. Missouri became only the third state to implement a broad ethanol requirement.

The legislation encourages lower gasoline costs by lifting the E-10 standard when ethanol is more expensive than petroleum-based gasoline, according to Blunt's office.

Ethanol is a cleaner burning alternative to petroleum-based gasoline. It contains more oxygen, which results in better combustion and fewer carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and carcinogenic emissions.