

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**SENATE BILL 146*
PROPOSED HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S146-PCS55281-LB-39**

Short Title: Suspend Plastic Bag Ban/Supply Disruption.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 1, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO SUSPEND THE BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS IN CERTAIN COASTAL AREAS
3 DUE TO A DISRUPTION IN THE SUPPLY OF PAPER BAGS BECAUSE OF THE
4 SEVERE TORNADOS.

5 Whereas, the large retailers were prohibited in September 2009 from supplying
6 plastic bags on the barrier islands of the Outer Banks as a pilot program; and

7 Whereas, the ban was expanded in October 2010 to apply to all businesses in the
8 affected area; and

9 Whereas, the major distribution center for paper bags used by retailers in the areas
10 subject to the ban was located in Dunn, but was severely damaged and rendered unusable by
11 the tornados of April 16, 2011; and

12 Whereas, the General Assembly finds that the suspension of the requirement until
13 the supply chain for paper bags is restored is in the public interest; Now, therefore,
14 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

15 **SECTION 1.** The operation of Part 2G of Article 9 of Chapter 130A of the General
16 Statutes (Plastic Bag Management) is suspended until the earlier of June 30, 2011, or the
17 issuance of an executive order by the Governor that the supply chain for paper bags in counties
18 subject to Part 2G has been restored.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective April 16, 2011.

