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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT House Bill 3

AMENDMENT NO. A1
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Senator Chaudhuri

1 moves to amend the bill on page 1, lines 12-13, by inserting the following between those lines:

2 "Whereas, on February 28, 2026, the United States launched military operations
3 against Iran, when the national average price of regular gasoline was \$2.98 per gallon; and

4 Whereas, the resulting disruption of shipping through the Strait of Hormuz cut off
5 roughly one-fifth of the world's oil supply, sending fuel prices sharply higher across the United
6 States; and

7 Whereas, by early September 2026, the national average price of gasoline had risen
8 by \$1.38 per gallon, or 46 percent, since the start of the war, and the price of diesel fuel reached
9 the highest level on record; and

10 Whereas, in North Carolina, the average price of regular gasoline has risen from \$2.82
11 per gallon one year ago to \$4.03 per gallon, and the average price of diesel fuel has reached \$6.01
12 per gallon, an increase of 72 percent; and

13 Whereas, the Iran War Energy Cost Tracker maintained by the Watson School of
14 International and Public Affairs at Brown University estimates that Americans have paid more
15 than \$100 billion in additional gasoline and diesel costs attributable to the war, or approximately
16 \$763 per household as of Labor Day 2026; and

17 Whereas, the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy estimates that, as of October
18 6, 2026, the war has cost the average American household \$820 in additional fuel costs, an
19 amount projected to exceed \$1,100 per household by the end of the fall; and

20 Whereas, an analysis published by the American Enterprise Institute estimates that
21 the average American household has paid more than \$1,000 in additional gasoline and diesel
22 costs since the war began; and

23 Whereas, the President of the United States has told the American people that paying
24 higher prices at the pump is worth the cost of the war; and

25 Whereas, higher diesel costs raise the price of moving goods, increasing what North
26 Carolina families pay for groceries and other everyday necessities, and burdening the State's
27 farmers, truckers, and small businesses; and

28 Whereas, North Carolina families have borne these costs for more than seven months,
29 while the General Assembly has acted only now, in a one-day session held one month before the
30 general election; and

31 Whereas, without a clear legal requirement, a reduction in the motor fuel tax, which
32 is collected upstream from distributors, may not be fully reflected in the price consumers pay at



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1 the pump, as studies of Georgia's 2005 fuel tax suspension found that only about two-thirds of
2 the savings reached consumers; and

3 Whereas, the State of Ohio, by enacting House Bill 519 with bipartisan support in
4 2026, required licensed fuel dealers to pass the full benefit of a temporary fuel tax reduction on
5 to consumers and made the failure to do so an unfair or deceptive act enforceable solely by the
6 Attorney General; Now, therefore,";

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8 and on page 2, lines 25-26, by inserting the following between those lines:

9 **"SECTION 1.(f)** The Attorney General shall receive consumer complaints about
10 alleged violations under subsection (d) of this section. During the period of the suspension of
11 taxes provided by this section, any violation of subsection (d) of this section shall constitute an
12 unfair or deceptive practice in violation of G.S. 75-1.1, subject to the sole enforcement authority
13 of the Attorney General."

SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED _____
Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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