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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ENERGY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT
3 OF ADMINISTRATION TO STUDY THE USE OF CLEAN TRANSPORTATION
4 FUELS IN STATE-OWNED VEHICLES AND TO DEVELOP A
5 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT USING NATURAL GAS AS THE FUEL FOR
6 STATE-OWNED VEHICLES.
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8 Whereas, the federal Clean Air Act requires State and local governments to
9 develop State implementation plans to comply with the anti-pollution requirements of
10 the Act; and

11 Whereas, strict standards for mobile source emissions will come into effect in
12 1991 and following years; and

13 Whereas, domestic supplies of and feedstocks for clean transportation fuels
14 are abundant in the United States; and

15 Whereas, use of these fuels can expand economic development, reduce our
16 growing dependence on energy imports, act to balance our trade deficit, and improve
17 national energy security; and

18 Whereas, the quality of life for the citizens of North Carolina can be
19 enhanced by the development of clean transportation fuels; Now, therefore,
20 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

21 Section 1. The Energy Division of the Department of Economic and
22 Community Development and the Division of Motor Fleet Management of the
23 Department of Administration shall jointly study emissions, economics, safety and other

1 relevant aspects of clean transportation fuels as they relate to State-owned vehicles. The
2 Energy Division and the Division of Motor Fleet Management may also develop a
3 demonstration project using natural gas as the fuel for a State-owned vehicle or vehicles
4 to further analyze and verify the actual impact of clean transportation fuels on State-
5 owned vehicles. For the purpose of this act, clean transportation fuels are: ethanol,
6 methanol, propane (liquified petroleum gas or LPG and compressed natural gas or
7 CNG), and reformulated gasoline.

8 Sec. 2. The Energy Division of the Department of Economic and Community
9 Development and the Division of Motor Fleet Management of the Department of
10 Administration shall jointly report their findings and recommendations to the 1993
11 Session of the General Assembly by filing copies of its report with the President Pro
12 Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative
13 Library on or before the 10th legislative day of the 1993 Session.

14 Sec. 3. This act shall not be construed to obligate the General Assembly to
15 make any appropriation to implement the provisions of this act. The Energy Division of
16 the Department of Economic and Community Development shall utilize funds available
17 to the Division of Energy for the purposes of this act.

18 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.