

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS15253-LY-188 (5/13)

Short Title: Cap Gas Tax Variable Rate. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Berger.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CAP THE VARIABLE WHOLESALE COMPONENT OF THE MOTOR
FUELS TAX RATE AT ITS CURRENT RATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 105-449.80(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Rate. – The motor fuel excise tax rate is a flat rate of seventeen and one-half cents (17 1/2¢) a gallon plus a variable wholesale component. The variable wholesale component is either three and one-half cents (3 1/2¢) a gallon or seven percent (7%) of the average wholesale price of motor fuel for the applicable base period, whichever is greater. In no case may the variable wholesale component be greater than six and eight-tenths cents (6.8¢) a gallon.

The two base periods are six-month periods; one ends on September 30 and one ends on March 31. The Secretary must set the tax rate twice a year based on the wholesale price for each base period. A tax rate set by the Secretary using information for the base period that ends on September 30 applies to the six-month period that begins the following January 1. A tax rate set by the Secretary using information for the base period that ends on March 31 applies to the six-month period that begins the following July 1."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to rates set on or after that date.