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## A Bill

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**An Act to amend the *Fair Trading Act 1989*, the *Fair Trading (Fuel Price Board) Regulation 2017*, the *Fair Trading (Fuel Price Reporting) Regulation 2018* and the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994* for particular purposes**

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**The Parliament of Queensland enacts—**

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| <b>Part 1</b>                                                                                                          | <b>Preliminary</b>                        | 2  |
| <b>Clause 1</b>                                                                                                        | <b>Short title</b>                        | 3  |
| This Act may be cited as the <i>Transport Affordability Amendment Act 2026</i> .                                       |                                           | 4  |
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| <b>Clause 2</b>                                                                                                        | <b>Commencement</b>                       | 6  |
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| <b>Part 2</b>                                                                                                          | <b>Amendment of Fair Trading Act 1989</b> | 9  |
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| <b>Clause 3</b>                                                                                                        | <b>Act amended</b>                        | 11 |
| This part amends the <i>Fair Trading Act 1989</i> .                                                                    |                                           | 12 |
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| <i>service station</i> see section 75.                                                                                                                         | 2                          |    |
| <i>stated price</i> , for a fuel price notice, for part 3C, see section 76(1)(a).                                                                              | 3                          |    |
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| <b>Clause 5 Insertion of new pt 3C</b>                                                                                                                         | 6                          |    |
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| <i>insert</i> —                                                                                                                                                | 8                          |    |
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| <b>75 Definitions for part</b>                                                                                                                                 | 15                         |    |
| In this part—                                                                                                                                                  | 16                         |    |
| <i>fuel</i> means—                                                                                                                                             | 17                         |    |
| (a) fuel within the meaning of the <i>Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000</i> (Cwlth); or                                                                          | 18                         |    |
| (b) hydrogen.                                                                                                                                                  | 19                         |    |
| <i>fuel price</i> , for a type of fuel, means the price at which fuel of that type is available for retail sale without any discount being applied in any way. | 20                         |    |
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| <i>fuel retailer</i> see section 74.                                                                                                                           | 25                         |    |
| <i>reduced price</i> see section 78(1).                                                                                                                        | 26                         |    |

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| <i>reduced price notice</i> see section 78(2).                                                                                                                                                  | 1  |
| <i>relevant period</i> , for a fuel price notice given to the commissioner by a fuel retailer, means the 24-hour period—                                                                        | 2  |
| (a) starting at the beginning of the day after the notice was given; and                                                                                                                        | 3  |
| (b) ending at the end of the day after the notice was given.                                                                                                                                    | 4  |
| <i>service station</i> means a place where fuel is supplied for retail sale, other than a place where the primary business being conducted is the hiring, leasing or selling of motor vehicles. | 5  |
| <i>stated price</i> , for a fuel price notice, see section 76(1)(a).                                                                                                                            | 6  |
| <b>Division 2 Notices and pricing limitations</b>                                                                                                                                               | 7  |
| <b>76 Requirement to give daily fuel price notices</b>                                                                                                                                          | 8  |
| (1) The fuel retailer must, at the time mentioned in subsection (2), give the commissioner a written notice (a <i>fuel price notice</i> ) stating the following matters—                        | 9  |
| (a) the price (the <i>stated price</i> ) at which the type of fuel will be offered for retail sale, without a discount being applied in any way, during the relevant period for the notice;     | 10 |
| (b) the relevant period;                                                                                                                                                                        | 11 |
| (c) the fuel retailer's name;                                                                                                                                                                   | 12 |
| (d) the address of the service station at which the fuel will be offered for sale;                                                                                                              | 13 |
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| (e) if applicable, the trading name of the service station at which the fuel will be offered for sale.                                                                                                                               | 1<br>2<br>3                |
| Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 4                          |
| (2) The fuel price notice must be given no later than 2p.m. on the day before the fuel retailer offers the type of fuel for retail sale.                                                                                             | 5<br>6<br>7                |
| <br><b>77 No increase in fuel price during relevant period</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | 8<br>9                     |
| (1) This section applies during the relevant period for a fuel price notice, for the type of fuel, given to the commissioner by the fuel retailer.                                                                                   | 10<br>11<br>12             |
| (2) The fuel retailer must not offer the type of fuel for retail sale at a price, whether or not a discount is applied in any way, that is more than the lower of the following amounts—                                             | 13<br>14<br>15<br>16       |
| (a) the stated price;                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 17                         |
| (b) if the fuel retailer gives the commissioner a reduced price notice—the reduced price or, if more than 1 reduced price notices is given to the commissioner, the lowest reduced price.                                            | 18<br>19<br>20<br>21<br>22 |
| Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 23                         |
| <br><b>78 Reduced price—requirement to give reduced price notice during relevant period</b>                                                                                                                                          | 24<br>25                   |
| (1) This section applies if, during the relevant period for a fuel price notice, the fuel retailer offers fuel for retail sale, without a discount being applied in any way, at a price (a <i>reduced price</i> ) that is less than— | 26<br>27<br>28<br>29<br>30 |
| (a) the stated price; or                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 31                         |

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| (b) if the fuel retailer gives the commissioner a reduced price notice—the price stated in the reduced price notice.                                                                                                                                                       | 1<br>2<br>3                            |
| (2) The fuel retailer must, within 30 minutes after the retailer offers the fuel for sale at the reduced price, give the commissioner a written notice (a <i>reduced price notice</i> ) stating the following matters—                                                     | 4<br>5<br>6<br>7                       |
| (a) the reduced price;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8                                      |
| (b) the fuel retailer's name;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 9                                      |
| (c) the address of the service station at which the fuel will be offered for sale at the reduced price;                                                                                                                                                                    | 10<br>11<br>12                         |
| (d) if applicable, the trading name of the service station at which the fuel will be offered for sale at the reduced price.                                                                                                                                                | 13<br>14<br>15                         |
| Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 16                                     |
| <b>79 Limiting fuel price increase between relevant periods</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 17<br>18                               |
| The fuel retailer must not state, in a fuel price notice, a price that represents an increase of more than 5c/L from—                                                                                                                                                      | 19<br>20<br>21                         |
| (a) the price stated in the previous fuel price notice given by the fuel retailer for the same type of fuel; or                                                                                                                                                            | 22<br>23<br>24                         |
| (b) if, during the relevant period for the fuel price notice mentioned in paragraph (a), the fuel retailer gave the commissioner a reduced price notice—the reduced price, or if more than 1 reduced price notice was given to the commissioner, the lowest reduced price. | 25<br>26<br>27<br>28<br>29<br>30<br>31 |
| Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 32                                     |

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| <b>Clause 6</b> | <b>Regulation amended</b>                                                                                          | 4  |
|                 | This part amends the <i>Fair Trading (Fuel Price Board) Regulation 2017</i> .                                      | 5  |
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| <b>Clause 7</b> | <b>Amendment of s 5 (Display of increase in normal fuel price)</b>                                                 | 7  |
|                 | Section 5, ‘normal’—                                                                                               | 9  |
|                 | <i>omit.</i>                                                                                                       | 10 |
| <b>Clause 8</b> | <b>Amendment of s 6 (Display of decrease in normal fuel price)</b>                                                 | 11 |
|                 | Section 6, ‘normal’—                                                                                               | 13 |
|                 | <i>omit.</i>                                                                                                       | 14 |
| <b>Clause 9</b> | <b>Amendment of sch 1 (Dictionary)</b>                                                                             | 15 |
| (1)             | Schedule 1, definitions <i>fuel</i> , <i>fuel retailer</i> , <i>normal fuel price</i> and <i>service station</i> — | 16 |
|                 | <i>omit.</i>                                                                                                       | 17 |
| (2)             | Schedule 1, definition <i>fuel pump display</i> , ‘normal’—                                                        | 19 |
|                 | <i>omit.</i>                                                                                                       | 20 |

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| <b>Clause 10</b> | <b>Regulation amended</b>                                                                                                                               | 4  |
|                  | This part amends the <i>Fair Trading (Fuel Price Reporting) Regulation 2018</i> .                                                                       | 5  |
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| <b>Clause 11</b> | <b>Amendment of s 3 (Definitions)</b>                                                                                                                   | 7  |
|                  | Section 3, definitions <i>fuel</i> , <i>normal fuel price</i> , <i>responsible fuel retailer</i> and <i>service station</i> —                           | 8  |
|                  |                                                                                                                                                         | 9  |
|                  | <i>omit.</i>                                                                                                                                            | 10 |
| <b>Clause 12</b> | <b>Amendment of s 5 (Application of division)</b>                                                                                                       | 11 |
|                  | Section 5, ‘responsible’—                                                                                                                               | 12 |
|                  | <i>omit.</i>                                                                                                                                            | 13 |
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|                  | Section 6—                                                                                                                                              | 15 |
|                  | <i>omit, insert</i> —                                                                                                                                   | 16 |
|                  | <b>6 Reporting information using aggregation system</b>                                                                                                 | 17 |
|                  | (1) This section applies if a fuel retailer gives the commissioner either of the following (each a <i>notice</i> )—                                     | 18 |
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|                  | (2) The fuel retailer must ensure the information stated in the notice is entered into the aggregation system within the period mentioned in subsection | 25 |
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|                  | (3).                                                                                                    | 1  |
|                  | Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.                                                                       | 2  |
| (3)              | The period for subsection (2) is 30 minutes after<br>the notice is given to the commissioner.           | 3  |
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| <b>Clause 14</b> | <b>Amendment of s 7 (Reporting for fuel temporarily unavailable)</b>                                    | 5  |
|                  | Section 7(2), ‘responsible’—                                                                            | 6  |
|                  | <i>omit.</i>                                                                                            | 7  |
|                  |                                                                                                         | 8  |
| <b>Clause 15</b> | <b>Amendment of s 8 (Defences for failing to comply)</b>                                                | 9  |
|                  | Section 8, ‘responsible’—                                                                               | 10 |
|                  | <i>omit.</i>                                                                                            | 11 |
| <b>Part 5</b>    | <b>Amendment of Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994</b>                                 | 12 |
| <b>Clause 16</b> | <b>Act amended</b>                                                                                      | 13 |
|                  | This part amends the <i>Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994</i> .                       | 14 |
|                  |                                                                                                         | 15 |
| <b>Clause 17</b> | <b>Insertion of new s 145</b>                                                                           | 16 |
|                  | After section 144—                                                                                      | 17 |
|                  | <i>insert—</i>                                                                                          | 18 |
|                  | <b>145 Legislative Assembly to approve particular fare changes</b>                                      | 19 |
|                  | (1) This section applies if the chief executive proposes to change a fare for the use of a 50c service. | 20 |
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| (2) The chief executive may change the fare for the use of the 50c service only if the Legislative Assembly has, on a motion of which at least 28 days notice has been given, passed a resolution approving the change of fare. | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>5 |
| (3) In this section—                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 6                     |
| <i>50c service</i> means a general route service provided under a service contract for which the fare at the commencement is 50c.                                                                                               | 7<br>8<br>9           |