
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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TARTAGLIONE, MARCH 12, 2007

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for restrictions on
3 gasoline taxes and motor license fees.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
7 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

8 That section 11(a) of Article VIII be amended to read:

9 § 11. Gasoline taxes and motor license fees restricted.

10 (a) All proceeds from gasoline and other motor fuel excise
11 taxes, motor vehicle registration fees and license taxes,
12 operators' license fees and other excise taxes imposed on
13 products used in motor transportation after providing therefrom
14 for (a) cost of administration and collection, (b) payment of
15 obligations incurred in the construction and reconstruction of
16 public highways and bridges shall be appropriated by the General
17 Assembly to agencies of the State or political subdivisions

1 thereof; and used solely for construction, reconstruction,
2 maintenance and repair of and safety on public highways and
3 bridges and costs and expenses incident thereto[,] and for
4 development, construction, reconstruction, maintenance and
5 repair of mass public transportation systems and costs and
6 expenses incident thereto, and for the payment of obligations
7 incurred for such purposes, and shall not be diverted by
8 transfer or otherwise to any other purpose, except that loans
9 may be made by the State from the proceeds of such taxes and
10 fees for a single period not exceeding eight months, but no such
11 loan shall be made within the period of one year from any
12 preceding loan, and every loan made in any fiscal year shall be
13 repayable within one month after the beginning of the next
14 fiscal year.

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16 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
17 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
18 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
19 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
20 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
21 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
22 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
23 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

24 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
25 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
26 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
27 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
28 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
29 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
30 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of

1 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
2 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
3 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
4 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
5 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
6 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
7 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
8 passed by the General Assembly.