

# Article VIII, Section II, Paragraph 4 New Jersey Constitution

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**New Jersey Constitution:** Article VIII, Section II, Paragraph 4

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**SPONSOR:** DiFrancesco, Matheussen, DeCroce, Merkt, Bodine, Augustine, Heck

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**Senate:** Budget and Appropriations

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**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

**SENATE:** Yes

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T235 State Constitution to dedicate 10.5 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax for cost of funding state  
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**NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:**

Yes

Malinconico, J. (2000, June 16). Transit deal could avert gas tax hike State would borrow less for rails and roads under four-year, \$3.7 billion spending plan. *Star-Ledger, The (Newark, NJ)*, p. 34

JACKSON, H. (2000, October 24). LEGISLATURE'S BROAD POWER DEFENDED LWV SUIT SPAWNS CHECKS-BALANCES DEBATE. *The Record (New Jersey)*, p. A3.

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**SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 78**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**212th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 27, 2006

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator RAYMOND J. LESNIAK**

**District 20 (Union)**

**Senator JOSEPH V. DORIA, JR.**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Amends State Constitution to dedicate 10.5 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax for cost of funding State transportation system.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/7/2006)**

1 A **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** proposing to amend Article VIII,  
2 Section II, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the State of New  
3 Jersey.

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5 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the  
6 General Assembly concurring):

7  
8 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the  
9 State of New Jersey is agreed to:

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11 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

12  
13 Amend Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 4 as follows:

14 4. There shall be credited to a special account in the General  
15 Fund:

16 (a) for each State fiscal year commencing on and after July 1,  
17 **[1999]** 2007 an amount equivalent to the revenue derived from  
18 **[\$0.09]** \$0.105 per gallon from the tax imposed on the sale of  
19 motor fuels pursuant to chapter 39 of Title 54 of the Revised  
20 Statutes;

21 (b) for the State fiscal year **[in which the amendment to this**  
22 **paragraph is approved by the voters]** 2001 an amount not less than  
23 \$100,000,000 derived from the State revenues collected from the  
24 tax on the gross receipts of the sale of petroleum products imposed  
25 pursuant to P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-1 et seq.) as amended and  
26 supplemented, or any other subsequent law of similar effect, and for  
27 each State fiscal year thereafter an amount not less than  
28 \$200,000,000 derived from those revenues; and

29 (c) for the State fiscal year **[next commencing after the**  
30 **amendment to this paragraph is approved by the voters]** 2002 an  
31 amount not less than \$80,000,000 from the State revenue collected  
32 from the State tax imposed under the "Sales and Use Tax Act,"  
33 pursuant to P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.), as amended and  
34 supplemented, or any other subsequent law of similar effect, for the  
35 State fiscal year **[thereafter]** 2003 an amount not less than  
36 \$140,000,000 from those revenues, and **[in]** for each State fiscal  
37 year thereafter an amount not less than \$200,000,000 from those  
38 revenues;

39 provided, however, the dedication and use of such revenues as  
40 provided in this paragraph shall be subject and subordinate to (a) all  
41 appropriations of revenues from such taxes made by laws enacted  
42 on or before December 7, **[2000]** 2006 in accordance with Article  
43 VIII, Section II, paragraph 3 of the State Constitution in order to  
44 provide the ways and means to pay the principal and interest on  
45 bonds of the State presently outstanding or authorized to be issued

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 under such laws or (b) any other use of those revenues enacted into  
 2 law on or before December 7, ~~2000~~ 2006. These amounts shall  
 3 be appropriated from time to time by the Legislature, only for the  
 4 purposes of paying or financing the cost of planning, acquisition,  
 5 engineering, construction, reconstruction, repair and rehabilitation  
 6 of the transportation system in this State and it shall not be  
 7 competent for the Legislature to borrow, appropriate or use these  
 8 amounts or any part thereof for any other purpose, under any  
 9 pretense whatever.

10 (cf: Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 4 amended effective  
 11 December 7, 2000)

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13 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally  
 14 agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it  
 15 shall be submitted to the people at the next general election  
 16 occurring more than three months after the final agreement and  
 17 shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each  
 18 county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the  
 19 General Assembly and the Attorney General, not less than three  
 20 months prior to the general election.

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22 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be  
 23 submitted to the people at that election in the following manner and  
 24 form:

25 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the  
 26 general election, the following:

27 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a  
 28 legend which shall immediately precede the question as follows:

29 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus  
 30 (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are  
 31 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the  
 32 square opposite the word "No."

33 b. In every municipality the following question:

	YES	<p><b>DEDICATES PORTION OF MOTOR                  FUELS TAX TO STATE                  TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM</b></p> <p>Do you approve the proposed amendment to the State Constitution, agreed to by the Legislature, which increases the current \$0.09 per gallon dedication of the motor fuels tax to \$0.105 per gallon to be used only for the funding of the State transportation system, subject to previously enacted laws dedicating any of these revenues for debt service on bonds of the State or for any other uses of these revenues?</p>
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		<p style="text-align: center;">INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>This amendment to the State Constitution dedicates the existing 10.5 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax for the cost of funding the State transportation system. The current dedication is 9 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax. This amendment does not increase the motor fuels tax.</p>
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STATEMENT

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5       This concurrent resolution proposes to amend the State  
6 Constitution to dedicate 10.5 cents per gallon of the tax on motor  
7 fuels for the cost of funding the State transportation system. The  
8 current dedication is 9 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax.

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 182**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
212th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED MARCH 9, 2006

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JOHN S. WISNIEWSKI**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

**Assemblyman VINCENT PRIETO**

**District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)**

**Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblyman BRIAN P. STACK**

**District 33 (Hudson)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

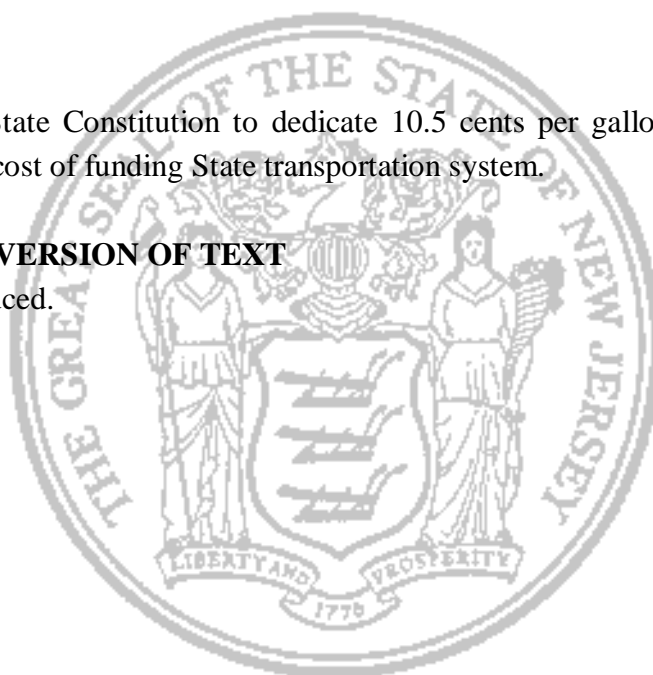
**Assemblymen Albano and Gusciora**

**SYNOPSIS**

Amends State Constitution to dedicate 10.5 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax for cost of funding State transportation system.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/27/2006)**

1 A **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** proposing to amend Article VIII,  
2 Section II, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the State of New  
3 Jersey.

4  
5 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New  
6 Jersey (the Senate concurring):

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8 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the  
9 State of New Jersey is agreed to:

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11 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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13 Amend Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 4 as follows:

14 4. There shall be credited to a special account in the General  
15 Fund:

16 (a) for each State fiscal year commencing on and after July 1,  
17 **[1999]** 2007 an amount equivalent to the revenue derived from  
18 **[\$0.09]** \$0.105 per gallon from the tax imposed on the sale of  
19 motor fuels pursuant to chapter 39 of Title 54 of the Revised  
20 Statutes;

21 (b) for the State fiscal year **[in which the amendment to this**  
22 **paragraph is approved by the voters]** 2001 an amount not less than  
23 \$100,000,000 derived from the State revenues collected from the  
24 tax on the gross receipts of the sale of petroleum products imposed  
25 pursuant to P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-1 et seq.) as amended and  
26 supplemented, or any other subsequent law of similar effect, and for  
27 each State fiscal year thereafter an amount not less than  
28 \$200,000,000 derived from those revenues; and

29 (c) for the State fiscal year **[next commencing after the**  
30 **amendment to this paragraph is approved by the voters]** 2002 an  
31 amount not less than \$80,000,000 from the State revenue collected  
32 from the State tax imposed under the "Sales and Use Tax Act,"  
33 pursuant to P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.), as amended and  
34 supplemented, or any other subsequent law of similar effect, for the  
35 State fiscal year **[thereafter]** 2003 an amount not less than  
36 \$140,000,000 from those revenues, and **[in]** for each State fiscal  
37 year thereafter an amount not less than \$200,000,000 from those  
38 revenues;

39 provided, however, the dedication and use of such revenues as  
40 provided in this paragraph shall be subject and subordinate to (a) all  
41 appropriations of revenues from such taxes made by laws enacted  
42 on or before December 7, **[2000]** 2006 in accordance with Article  
43 VIII, Section II, paragraph 3 of the State Constitution in order to  
44 provide the ways and means to pay the principal and interest on

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 bonds of the State presently outstanding or authorized to be issued  
2 under such laws or (b) any other use of those revenues enacted into  
3 law on or before December 7, ~~2000~~ 2006. These amounts shall  
4 be appropriated from time to time by the Legislature, only for the  
5 purposes of paying or financing the cost of planning, acquisition,  
6 engineering, construction, reconstruction, repair and rehabilitation  
7 of the transportation system in this State and it shall not be  
8 competent for the Legislature to borrow, appropriate or use these  
9 amounts or any part thereof for any other purpose, under any  
10 pretense whatever.

11 (cf: Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 4 amended effective  
12 December 7, 2000)

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14 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally  
15 agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it  
16 shall be submitted to the people at the next general election  
17 occurring more than three months after the final agreement and  
18 shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each  
19 county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the  
20 General Assembly and the Attorney General, not less than three  
21 months prior to the general election.

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23 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be  
24 submitted to the people at that election in the following manner and  
25 form:

26 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the  
27 general election, the following:

28 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a  
29 legend which shall immediately precede the question as follows:

30 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus  
31 (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are  
32 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the  
33 square opposite the word "No."

34 b. In every municipality the following question:

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	<p>YES</p>	<p><b>CHANGES THE DEDICATION OF MOTOR FUELS TAX TO STATE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM</b></p> <p>Do you approve the proposed amendment to the State Constitution, agreed to by the Legislature, which changes the current \$0.09 per gallon dedication of the motor fuels tax to \$0.105 per gallon to be used only for the funding of the State transportation system, subject to previously enacted laws dedicating any of these revenues for debt service on bonds of the State or for any other uses of these revenues?</p>
	<p>NO</p>	<p><b>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</b></p> <p>This amendment to the State Constitution dedicates 10.5 cents per gallon of the existing motor fuels tax for the cost of funding the State transportation system. The current constitutional dedication is 9 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax. The existing motor fuels tax is 10.5 cents per gallon for gasoline and 13.5 cents per gallon for diesel fuel. This amendment does not change the motor fuels tax rates.</p>

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This concurrent resolution proposes to amend the State Constitution to dedicate 10.5 cents per gallon of the existing tax on motor fuels for the cost of funding the State transportation system.

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The current constitutional dedication is 9 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax. The existing motor fuels tax rate is 10.5 cents per gallon for gasoline and 13.5 cents per gallon for diesel fuel.

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This amendment does not change the motor fuels tax rates.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 78

(with committee amendments)

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 6, 2006

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 78, with committee amendments.

This concurrent resolution proposes to amend the State Constitution to dedicate 10.5 cents per gallon of the existing tax on motor fuels for the cost of funding the State transportation system.

The current constitutional dedication is 9 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax. The existing motor fuels tax rate is 10.5 cents per gallon for gasoline and 13.5 cents per gallon for diesel fuel.

This amendment does not change the motor fuels tax rates.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the resolution to revise the caption preceding the ballot question to clarify that the constitutional amendment changes the amount of motor fuels tax dedicated to the State transportation system.

The committee also amended the interpretive statement to clarify the different rates of tax applied to different types of fuels under the motor fuels tax. (Under the tax, gasoline is taxed at a rate of 10.5 cents per gallon, while special fuels, primarily diesel, are taxed at a rate of 13.5 cents per gallon.)

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

This resolution changes the portion of motor fuels tax constitutionally dedicated for State transportation system, including, but not limited to, the Transportation Trust Fund account. This resolution does not change State revenues or the rates of tax imposed under the motor fuels tax.

Currently, the constitutional dedication of 9 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax to the State transportation system yields approximately \$468 million. The Administration has estimated that the proposed change in dedication, from \$0.09 cents per gallon to \$0.105 per gallon of the motor fuels tax, would increase the amount of revenue dedicated for the transportation system by about \$78 million annually, an estimate the Office of Legislative Services finds reasonable.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 182**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 9, 2006

The Assembly Transportation and Public Works Committee reports favorably Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 182.

As reported, this concurrent resolution proposes to amend the State Constitution to dedicate 10.5 cents per gallon of the existing tax on motor fuels for the cost of funding the State transportation system.

The current constitutional dedication is 9 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax. The existing motor fuels tax rate is 10.5 cents per gallon for gasoline and 13.5 cents per gallon for diesel fuel.

This amendment does not change the motor fuels tax rates.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 182**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 13, 2006

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 182.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 182 amends the State Constitution to dedicate \$0.105 cents per gallon of the existing tax on motor fuels for the cost of funding the State transportation system.

The current constitutional dedication is \$0.09 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax. The existing motor fuels tax rate is \$0.105 cents per gallon for gasoline and \$0.135 cents per gallon for diesel fuel.

This amendment does not change the motor fuels tax rates.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This resolution changes the portion of motor fuels tax constitutionally dedicated for the State transportation system, including, but not limited to, the Transportation Trust Fund account. This resolution does not change State revenues or the rates of tax imposed under the motor fuels tax.

Currently, the constitutional dedication of \$0.09 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax to the State transportation system yields approximately \$468 million. The Administration has estimated that the proposed change in dedication, from \$0.09 cents per gallon to \$0.105 per gallon of the motor fuels tax, would increase the amount of revenue dedicated for the transportation system by about \$78 million annually, an estimate the Office of Legislative Services finds reasonable.

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 27, 2006

**Sponsored by:**

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**District 20 (Union)**

**Senator JOSEPH V. DORIA, JR.**

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**Assemblyman BRIAN P. STACK**

**District 33 (Hudson)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Vitale, Karcher, Assemblymen Albano and Gusciora**

**SYNOPSIS**

Amends State Constitution to dedicate 10.5 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax for cost of funding State transportation system.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on March 6, 2006, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/27/2006)

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SBA committee amendments adopted March 6, 2006.

1 bonds of the State presently outstanding or authorized to be issued  
2 under such laws or (b) any other use of those revenues enacted into  
3 law on or before December 7, ~~2000~~ 2006. These amounts shall  
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32 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the  
33 square opposite the word "No."

34 b. In every municipality the following question:

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	<p>YES</p>	<p><b>'[DEDICATES PORTION] CHANGES THE DEDICATION<sup>1</sup> OF MOTOR FUELS TAX TO STATE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM</b></p> <p>Do you approve the proposed amendment to the State Constitution, agreed to by the Legislature, which <b>'[increases] changes<sup>1</sup></b> the current \$0.09 per gallon dedication of the motor fuels tax to \$0.105 per gallon to be used only for the funding of the State transportation system, subject to previously enacted laws dedicating any of these revenues for debt service on bonds of the State or for any other uses of these revenues?</p>
	<p>NO</p>	<p><b>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</b></p> <p>This amendment to the State Constitution dedicates <b>'[the existing]<sup>1</sup></b> 10.5 cents per gallon of the <b>'existing<sup>1</sup></b> motor fuels tax for the cost of funding the State transportation system. The current <b>'constitutional<sup>1</sup></b> dedication is 9 cents per gallon of the motor fuels tax. <b>'The existing motor fuels tax is 10.5 cents per gallon for gasoline and 13.5 cents per gallon for diesel fuel.<sup>1</sup></b> This amendment does not <b>'[increase] change<sup>1</sup></b> the motor fuels tax <b>'rates<sup>1</sup></b>.</p>

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