

House Resolution 1116

By: Representative Lucas of the 139<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to  
2 provide by general law for coin operated amusement machine betting and gambling; to  
3 provide for the levy and collection of state taxes, fees, or assessments regarding the proceeds  
4 from such coin operated amusement machine betting and gambling and dedication of a  
5 portion of such moneys to public trauma centers; to provide for related matters; to provide  
6 for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 8 SECTION 1.

9 Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Georgia Constitution is amended by inserting a  
10 new subparagraph to be designated subparagraph (e) to read as follows:

11 "(e) The General Assembly may by general law provide for coin operated amusement  
12 machine betting or gambling throughout the State of Georgia. No coin operated  
13 amusement machine betting or gambling shall be owned or operated by the state or by any  
14 county, municipal corporation, consolidated government, or other governmental  
15 subdivision. The State of Georgia, through the Department of Revenue, shall be authorized  
16 to collect a certain percentage, to be determined by the General Assembly, of the revenue  
17 generated by the coin operated amusement machines. A percentage of the gross proceeds  
18 collected by the state shall be dedicated to the purpose of subsidizing public trauma centers  
19 in the state. Such percentage shall be determined by the General Assembly. Proceeds  
20 collected pursuant to this subparagraph for the purposes of subsidizing public trauma  
21 centers shall not be subject to Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II; Article III, Section IX,  
22 Paragraph VI(a); or Article III, Section IX Paragraph IV(c). The General Assembly is  
23 authorized to provide by general or local law for the implementation of and for further  
24 conditions and requirements relative to this subparagraph."

**SECTION 2.**

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2 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as  
3 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the  
4 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

5 " YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide for coin  
6 operated amusement machine betting and gambling throughout the State of  
7  NO Georgia with a percentage of the revenue generated by the use of such  
8 machines to be dedicated to the purpose of subsidizing public trauma  
9 centers within the state?"

10 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."  
11 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If  
12 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall  
13 become a part of the Constitution of this state.