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Senate Resolution 1300

By: Senator Bulloch of the 11th

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the Governor to exercise certain executive authority with respect to collection of
- 2 taxes; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Monday, March 31, is the 37th legislative day of the 2008 regular session of the
- 4 General Assembly; and
- 5 WHEREAS, there is an insufficient amount of time remaining in this legislative session to
- 6 enact new legislation; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the price of red fuel or dyed fuel oil has risen dramatically to almost \$4.00 per
- 8 gallon and which has adversely impacted the timber harvesting, agricultural, and construction
- 9 industries of this state which rely heavily upon the use of this commodity; and
- 10 WHEREAS, pursuant to Code Section 45-12-22 of the O.C.G.A., the Governor is granted
- 11 the authority to suspend by executive order the collection of taxes, or any part thereof, due
- 12 the state, until the next meeting of the General Assembly; and
- WHEREAS, this exercise of executive authority could provide much needed temporary tax
- 14 relief to the timber harvesting, agricultural, and construction industries of Georgia until the
- 15 2009 regular session of the General Assembly at which time that executive order could be
- 16 ratified by general law which would make that temporary suspension an actual exemption
- 17 from taxation.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the Governor is urged to
- 19 exercise the authority granted under Code Section 45-12-22 of the O.C.G.A. to suspend
- 20 temporarily the collection of state sales and use taxes on red fuel or dyed fuel oil for timber
- 21 harvesting, agricultural, or construction use until the 2009 regular session of the General
- 22 Assembly at which time this body will have the opportunity to make such temporary
- 23 suspension an actual exemption.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed

2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Sonny Perdue, Governor of

3 Georgia.