

## Senate Resolution 277

By: Senators Goggans of the 7th, Staton of the 18th, Unterman of the 45th, Thomas of the 54th, Adelman of the 42nd and others

**ADOPTED**

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to impose an annual \$10.00 trauma charge  
 2 on certain passenger motor vehicle registrations in this state for the purpose of funding  
 3 trauma care; to provide for a trauma trust fund; to provide for a definition; to provide for  
 4 procedures; to provide for exceptions; to provide that such funds shall not be subject to lapse  
 5 and certain other restrictions; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of  
 6 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 III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new  
 10 subparagraph to read as follows:

11 "(o)(1) As used in this subparagraph, the term 'passenger vehicle' means every motor  
 12 vehicle designed to carry ten or fewer passengers and that is used for the transportation  
 13 of persons and shall include pickup trucks, motorcycles, sport utility vehicles, and  
 14 passenger vans.

15 (2) There shall be imposed an annual \$10.00 trauma charge on each passenger vehicle,  
 16 as defined in this subparagraph, registered in this state. Such trauma charge shall be  
 17 collected at the same time as other license tag and registration fees required by law are  
 18 collected and prior to the issuance of a license plate or revalidation decal for such  
 19 passenger vehicle in such manner as may be provided for by general law.

20 (3) The trauma charge under this subparagraph shall not apply to vehicles owned by  
 21 the state or its departments, agencies, or authorities or by any political subdivision of the  
 22 state.

23 (4) Proceeds of the trauma charge under this subparagraph shall be deposited on a  
 24 monthly basis in a trauma trust fund. The General Assembly shall provide for the  
 25 operation of such trust fund and shall specify the trauma care purposes for which such  
 26 funds are to be expended.

27 (5) Revenues deposited into the trauma trust fund shall not lapse as otherwise required  
 28 by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c) and shall not be subject to the limitations of  
 29 subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph or of Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II."

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**SECTION 2.**

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

34 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to impose an annual  
 35 ( ) NO \$10.00 trauma charge on certain passenger motor vehicles in this state for  
 36 the purpose of funding trauma care?"

37 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

38 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If  
 39 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall  
 40 become a part of the Constitution of this state.