

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to impose a charge on certain motor
 2 vehicle registrations in this state which shall be transferred to the state treasury for the
 3 purpose of funding the Georgia Trauma Trust Fund; to authorize the General Assembly to
 4 adjust the amount of such charge and to provide for the collection of such charge; to provide
 5 that such funds shall not be subject to lapse; to provide for related matters; to provide for the
 6 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 III, Section IX of the Constitution is amended by adding a new subparagraph to
 10 Paragraph VI to read as follows:

11 "(o) As used in this subparagraph, the term 'passenger vehicle' means every motor vehicle
 12 designed to carry ten or fewer passengers and that is used for the transportation of persons
 13 and shall include pickup trucks, motorcycles, sport utility vehicles, and passenger vans.
 14 There shall be imposed a trauma charge of \$10.00 per year on each passenger vehicle
 15 licensed and registered in this state. Such trauma charge shall be collected in the same
 16 manner and at the same time as other license fees required by law are collected and prior
 17 to the issuance of a license plate or revalidation decal for such passenger vehicle. This
 18 provision shall not apply to vehicles owned by the state or its departments, agencies, or
 19 authorities or by any political subdivision of the state. Such charge shall be remitted to the
 20 state treasury for the sole purpose of funding the Georgia Trauma Trust Fund. Funds of
 21 the Georgia Trauma Trust Fund shall not lapse as otherwise required by Article III,
 22 Section IX, Paragraph IV(c). The General Assembly is authorized to make adjustments in
 23 the amount of such trauma charge as needed and to provide for procedures for the
 24 collection of such charge by general law."

25 **SECTION 2.**

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

29 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to impose a charge on
30 () NO certain motor vehicle registrations in this state which shall be transferred to
31 the state treasury for the purpose of funding the Georgia Trauma Trust
32 Fund?"

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

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