

Senate Resolution 558

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ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the proceeds of excise
2 taxes on the sale of fireworks or consumer fireworks in this state be dedicated to the funding
3 of trauma care, fire services, and local public safety purposes in the State of Georgia; to
4 provide that such funds shall not lapse; to provide for related matters; to provide for the
5 submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new
9 subparagraph to read as follows:

10 "(o) The proceeds of any excise tax imposed by general law on the sale of fireworks or
11 consumer fireworks in this state shall be dedicated to the provision of trauma care, fire
12 services, and local public safety purposes in Georgia. The General Assembly shall provide
13 by general law for the use, dedication, and deposit of revenues raised from any such excise
14 tax on fireworks or consumer fireworks. Contributions and revenues deposited for such
15 purposes shall not lapse and shall not be subject to the limitations of subparagraph (a) of
16 this Paragraph or of Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II."

17 **SECTION 2.**

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

21 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the
22 proceeds of excise taxes on the sale of fireworks or consumer fireworks be
23 dedicated to the funding of trauma care, firefighter equipping and training,
24 () NO and local public safety purposes?"

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

26 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If

27 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
28 become a part of the Constitution of this state.