

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 136

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Urges Governor and President to suspend gas taxes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the Governor of New Jersey
2 and the President of the United States to suspend the State and
3 federal gas taxes.

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5 **WHEREAS**, Over the last year, Americans have been burdened by an
6 increased cost of living driven by an inflation rate of 8.5 percent for
7 the 12-month period ending March 2022, as reported in the
8 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) provided
9 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in the United States
10 Department of Labor; and

11 **WHEREAS**, This increase is the largest 12-month increase in the CPI-U
12 in over 40 years since the period ending December 1981; and

13 **WHEREAS**, The BLS also reported a 32 percent increase in energy
14 prices, including a 48 percent increase in gasoline products, during
15 this period; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Accordingly, the country has witnessed gasoline prices
17 driven upward to a national average of \$4.33 per gallon and a
18 Statewide average of \$4.38 for regular unleaded gasoline as of
19 March 11, 2022; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Taxes levied upon the sale of petroleum products represent
21 a significant portion of the price that consumers pay at the pump
22 with the federal gas tax amounting to 18.4 cents per gallon and the
23 State tax amounting to 42.4 cents per gallon; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Many Americans continue to live in a financially
25 precarious state in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and are
26 struggling to afford gas at such a high price; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Low-income households are particularly sensitive to
28 increases in the cost of energy, with a third of Americans living in
29 what experts describe as “energy poverty”; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Increasing energy costs have ripple effects throughout the
31 economy, impacting the prices of all shipped products, including
32 essential grocery and household items; and

33 **WHEREAS**, As costs rise, residents of New Jersey, now more than
34 ever, would greatly benefit from a reprieve from these taxes; and

35 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper for this House to
36 advocate on behalf of New Jersey residents and all Americans by
37 urging the Governor to suspend the State gas tax and the President
38 to suspend the federal gas tax; now, therefore,

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40 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
41 Jersey:

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43 1. a. This House urges the Governor to suspend the State taxes
44 on motor fuels and petroleum products.

45 b. This House urges the President of the United States to
46 suspend the federal tax on motor fuels.

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1 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
2 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the
3 Governor of New Jersey, the President and Vice-President of the
4 United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United
5 States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States
6 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress elected
7 from this State.

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STATEMENT

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12 This resolution urges the Governor of New Jersey to suspend the
13 State taxes on motor fuels and petroleum products. The resolution
14 also urges the President of the United States to suspend the federal
15 tax on motor fuels.