

House Resolution 66

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Blackmon of the 146th, Hong of the 103rd, McDonald of the 26th, Wade of the 9th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Ratifying Governor Brian P. Kemp's Executive Order Nos. 05.26.22.02, 07.01.22.02,
2 08.03.22.02, 09.01.22.02, 10.03.22.02, 11.04.22.02, and 12.08.22.02 suspending the
3 collection of motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, due to supply chain disruptions, inflation, and the war in Ukraine, during
5 February 2022 and March 2022 the average price per gallon of regular unleaded gas and
6 diesel fuel increased substantially; and

7 WHEREAS, to reduce the impact of increased fuel prices on Georgians, on March 17, 2022,
8 the Georgia General Assembly passed House Bill 304 to suspend the collection of state
9 motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes through May 31, 2022; and

10 WHEREAS, Governor Brian P. Kemp signed House Bill 304 into law on March 18, 2022;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, in April 2022, under the authority granted in Code Section 38-3-51 of the
13 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Governor Brian P. Kemp declared a state of emergency
14 due to supply chain disruptions and issued Executive Order Nos. 04.14.22.01, 05.10.22.01,

15 05.26.22.01, 07.01.22.01, 08.03.22.01, 09.01.22.01, 10.03.22.01, 11.04.22.01, and
16 12.08.22.01 as necessary and appropriate action; and

17 WHEREAS, the supply chain disruptions affecting the cost of motor fuel were not fully
18 alleviated before the sunset of House Bill 304 on May 31, 2022; and

19 WHEREAS, pursuant to Code Section 45-12-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
20 under the state of emergency for supply chain disruptions, the Governor suspended the
21 collection of motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes required by Code Section 48-9-3 beginning on
22 May 26, 2022, and continuing through January 10, 2023, by issuing Executive Order Nos.
23 05.26.22.02, 07.01.22.02, 08.03.22.02, 09.01.22.02, 10.03.22.02, 11.04.22.02, and
24 12.08.22.02; and

25 WHEREAS, pursuant to Code Section 45-12-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
26 action by two-thirds of the General Assembly is necessary to ratify the suspension of the
27 collection of motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes as declared by Executive Order Nos.
28 05.26.22.02, 07.01.22.02, 08.03.22.02, 09.01.22.02, 10.03.22.02, 11.04.22.02, and
29 12.08.22.02.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
31 GEORGIA that the members of this body ratify the suspension of the collection of motor fuel
32 and diesel fuel taxes as declared by Executive Order Nos. 05.26.22.02, 07.01.22.02,
33 08.03.22.02, 09.01.22.02, 10.03.22.02, 11.04.22.02, and 12.08.22.02 issued by Governor
34 Brian P. Kemp in response to a state of emergency for supply chain disruptions.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the
36 Secretary of the Senate are authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this

37 resolution available for distribution to Governor Brian P. Kemp and members of the public
38 and the press.