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Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first indented paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 12 and 13 in amendment) and inserting the following:

Amend the resolution by striking out all of that part designated "**Constitution, Art. IX, §24**" (page 1, lines 4 to 10 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

Constitution, Art. IX, §24 is enacted to read:

Section 24. Revenues dedicated to fish and wildlife resources protection. In addition to the appropriation of funds required under section 22, a total of 1.20% of revenues raised by means of the sales and use tax laws must be allocated to the following 2 departments: 90% of the revenue raised pursuant to this section must be allocated to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or any successor agency responsible for fisheries and wildlife management, other than commercial marine fisheries management, to be used only for the protection of the State's fish and wildlife resources; and 10% of the revenue raised pursuant to this section must be allocated to the Department of Marine Resources or any successor agency responsible for diadromous fish management to be used only to protect, conserve, restore, manage and enhance diadromous fish populations and their habitat in all waters of the State. This section does not apply to additional sales or use tax revenue raised as the result of an increase in the rate of the sales or use tax imposed after July 1, 2011. This section applies to fiscal years beginning on and after July 1, 2013.

Amend the amendment in the last indented paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 16 in amendment) by striking out the following: "one-quarter" and inserting the following: 'one-fifth'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the percent of the sales and use tax revenues allocated for the protection of fish and wildlife from 1.25% to 1.20%. It requires that 10% of sales and use tax revenues dedicated to fish and wildlife resources protection be allocated to the Department of Marine Resources to be used only to protect, conserve, restore, manage and enhance diadromous fish populations and their habitat in all waters of the State. It requires that 90% of sales and use tax revenues dedicated to fish and wildlife resources protection be allocated to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It provides that the constitutional amendment does not apply to additional sales or use tax revenue raised as the result of an increase in the rate of the sales or use tax imposed after July 1, 2011. It also provides that the constitutional amendment applies to fiscal years beginning on and after July 1, 2013.