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**Resolve, To Suspend Fuel Tax Rate Adjustments for the 2012-2013
Biennium**

(EMERGENCY)

Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative CEBRA of Naples.
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** current law requires the Department of Transportation to submit
4 emergency legislation that suspends the indexing of the excise tax on motor fuel; and

5 **Whereas,** this indexing takes effect on July 1st annually; and

6 **Whereas,** in order to ensure that the indexing does not occur for the 2012-2013
7 biennium, this legislation needs to take effect prior to July 1, 2011; and

8 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
9 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 **Sec. 1. Suspension of motor fuel and distillate tax indexing for 2012-2013**
13 **biennium. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36,
14 section 3321, subsection 1, the annual inflation adjustment of the excise tax imposed on
15 internal combustion engine fuel pursuant to Title 36, section 2903, subsection 1 and the
16 excise tax imposed upon distillates pursuant to section 3203, subsection 1-B is suspended
17 for the 2012-2013 biennium.

18 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
19 legislation takes effect when approved.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This resolve suspends for 2 years, beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2013,
22 the annual indexing of the excise tax imposed on internal combustion engine fuel and
23 distillates.