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(House Joint Resolution No. 20)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Distribution and Allocation of Transportation Related Revenues
in the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account and the
Revenue Sharing Account

FOR the purpose of determining that no change be made in the manner of distribution and allocation of transportation related revenues between the Department of Transportation, Baltimore City, the counties, and the municipalities in the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account and the Revenue Sharing Account of the Transportation Trust Fund.

WHEREAS, Over the past 5 years State transportation issues have generated intense public interest resulting in many special study groups; and

WHEREAS, Significant changes in the transportation sector such as declining motor fuel sales, fluctuating motor fuel prices, and increasing costs in mass transportation have produced different thoughts on how to best maintain and construct the State's transportation system and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The Subcommittee on Transportation of the Task Force to Study State-Local Fiscal Relationships met during the 1979 Interim to focus attention on revenue producing mechanisms to finance transportation programs and to review State and local funding subsidies for mass transit in the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, The Joint Oversight Committee on Transportation met during the 1981 Interim to conduct an extensive review of Maryland transportation issues including a review of the fiscal posture of the Department of Transportation, impact of federal funding changes, review of mass transit policy, review of methodology in reviewing the budget, and development with the Department of Transportation of a new program presentation format; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 238, Laws of 1982, increased the motor fuel tax on June 1, 1982 and June 1, 1983 and provided for an increase on July 1, 1984 and every 6 months thereafter if the average wholesale value per gallon of motor fuel exceeds \$1.35; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 238, Laws of 1982, created the Transportation Revenue Stabilization Account in the Transportation Trust Fund; and