- (3) (1) FOR ANY CALENDAR YEAR, THE MOTOR FUEL TAX
 RATES MAY NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 1 CENT PER GALLON OVER THE
 RATES IN EFFECT FOR THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.
- (II) IF THERE IS NO INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE
 GROWTH IN THE CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX, THE MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES
 SHALL BE THE TAX RATES IN EFFECT FOR THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.
- (4) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL REQUIRE ANY PERSON POSSESSING TAX-PAID MOTOR FUEL FOR SALE AT THE START OF BUSINESS ON THE DATE OF ANY INCREASE IN THE MOTOR FUEL TAX UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO COMPILE AND FILE AN INVENTORY OF THE MOTOR FUEL HELD AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE PRECEDING DATE AND REMIT WITHIN 30 DAYS ANY ADDITIONAL MOTOR FUEL TAX THAT IS DUE ON THE MOTOR FUEL.
- (C) (1) IN-THIS SECTION, "CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX" MEANS AN INDEX PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD THAT IS A WEIGHTED AGGREGATE INDEX OF THE PRICES OF CONSTANT QUANTITIES OF STRUCTURAL STEEL, PORTLAND CEMENT, LUMBER, AND COMMON LABOR.
- (2) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DETERMINE AND ANNOUNCE:
- (I) THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN THE CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX BASED ON THE-CHANGE IN THE INDEX REPORTED FROM THE PRECEDING OCTOBER THROUGH THE CURRENT OCTOBER INDEX; AND
- (H) THE MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1-OF THE NEXT-CALENDAR YEAR.

Article - Transportation

3-202.

- (a) The Department from time to time may issue its bonds on behalf of this State to finance the cost of any one or more or combination of transportation facilities.
- (b) The bonds shall be known as "consolidated transportation bonds" and may be issued in any amount as long as the aggregate outstanding and unpaid principal balance of these bonds and bonds of prior issues does not exceed at any one time the sum of [\$2.0] \$2.0 \$2.0 billion OF \$2.6 BILLION.