

HOUSE No. 621

By Mr. Tilden of Scituate, petition of the Automobile Legal Association and others for a legislative amendment of the Constitution restricting the use of revenue from fees, excise or duties relating to the operation of vehicles and to fuels used in propelling such vehicles. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Three.

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION RESTRICTING THE USE OF REVENUE FROM FEES, DUTIES, EXCISE OR LICENSE TAXES RELATING TO REGISTRATION, OPERATION OR USE OF VEHICLES ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, OR TO FUELS USED FOR PROPPELLING SUCH VEHICLES, EXCEPT REVENUE FROM AN EXCISE TAX IMPOSED IN LIEU OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF REGISTERING SUCH VEHICLES.

1 A joint session of the Senate and House of Repre-
2 sentatives hereby declares it to be expedient to
3 alter the Constitution by the adoption of the fol-
4 lowing Article of Amendment, to the end that it may
5 become a part of the Constitution, if similarly agreed
6 to in a joint session of the next General Court and
7 approved by the people at the state election next
8 following:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

1 *Art.* . Section one of Article LXIII of the
2 articles of amendment to the constitution of the
3 commonwealth is hereby amended by adding at the
4 end thereof the following new paragraph: —

5 *Disposition of Certain Revenue.* — No revenue from
6 fees, duties, excises or license taxes relating to regis-
7 tration, operation or use of vehicles on public high-
8 ways, or to fuels used for propelling such vehicles,
9 shall be expended for other than cost of administra-
10 tion, statutory refunds and adjustments, payment of
11 highway obligations, cost for construction, recon-
12 struction, maintenance and repair of public high-
13 ways and bridges, and expense of highway patrol and
14 enforcement of traffic laws; provided, that this
15 amendment shall not apply to revenue from an ex-
16 cise tax imposed in lieu of local property taxes for the
17 privilege of registering such vehicles.