

Department of Transportation

Trailer Bill Language

501 – Proposed Amendment to the California Constitution

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California at its 2017-18 Regular Session, two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, hereby proposes to the people of the State of California that the Constitution of the State be amended as follows:

First—That Section 3 of Article XIX thereof is amended to read:

SEC. 3. Revenues Except as otherwise provided in Section 11, revenues from fees and taxes imposed by the State upon vehicles or their use or operation, over and above the costs of collection and any refunds authorized by law, shall be used for the following purposes:

(a) The state administration and enforcement of laws regulating the use, operation, or registration of vehicles used upon the public streets and highways of this State, including the enforcement of traffic and vehicle laws by state agencies and the mitigation of the environmental effects of motor vehicle operation due to air and sound emissions.

(b) The purposes specified in Section 2 of this article.

Second—That Section 11 is added to Article XIX thereof, to read:

SEC. 11. (a) Revenues from fees and taxes imposed by the State on vehicles or their use or operation, over and above the costs of collection and any refunds authorized by law, and transferred to the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, or its successor, pursuant to the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, shall be used solely for the purposes described in Section 2.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the revenues described in subdivision (a) shall not be used for the payment of principal and interest on state general obligation bonds that were authorized by the voters on or before November 4, 2014.

(c) The statutory provisions of the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 as enacted by the Legislature in 2017 or as subsequently amended, shall not be directly or indirectly amended by the Legislature to appropriate revenues required to be transferred to the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, or its successor, pursuant to that act for purposes other than the purposes described in Section 2, or to authorize expenditures from the account for purposes other than the purposes described in Section 2.