



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** Motor fuels and aviation gasoline are essential commodities used by Georgians for transportation; and

**WHEREAS:** The price of gasoline has increased dramatically since the adjournment of the 2008 General Assembly, namely rising in price by approximately ten percent from one month ago, and almost twenty-four percent since last year at this time; and

**WHEREAS:** The increases in the cost of gasoline and other motor fuels have and will continue to impose significant financial burdens on all Georgians and Georgia's businesses; and

**WHEREAS:** This inflated cost can prevent Georgians from spending on other necessary goods and business expansion; and

**WHEREAS:** The significant increase in motor fuel prices will result in a windfall to the State in the form of surplus state taxes on these commodities; and

**WHEREAS:** Georgia law authorizes the Governor to suspend the collection of taxes, or any part thereof, due the state until the meeting of the next General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS:** Under these circumstances, relief to the taxpayers of Georgia is warranted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND BY SECTION 45-12-22 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:**

That the collection of any rate of prepaid state taxes as defined in paragraph (5.1) of Section 48-8-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, to the extent it differs from the rate levied as of January 1, 2008 pursuant to Section 48-9-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, be suspended as it applies to sales of motor fuel and aviation gasoline as those terms are defined in Section 48-9-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, until the General Assembly acts upon this Order.

This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2008.

  
GOVERNOR