

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44

INTRODUCED BY CHRISTIAENS, STEPHENS, NORMAN

IN THE SENATE

April 19, 1985

Rules suspended to allow introduction of SJR No. 44.

April 24, 1985

Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.

Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.

Bill printed and placed on members' desks.

On motion, rules suspended. Bill referred to second reading for consideration this day.

Second reading, do pass.

On motion, rules suspended. Bill placed on calendar for third reading this day.

Third reading, passed.  
Ayes, 45; Noes, 2.

Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

April 25, 1985

On motion, rules suspended to allow introduction of SJR No. 44 in House.

Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.

Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.

April 25, 1985

Second reading, concurred in.

Third reading, concurred in.

Returned to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

April 25, 1985

Received from House.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

*Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44  
 1 INTRODUCED BY Christiana Stephens Norman

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 6 ALLOW STATE ASSUMPTION OF THE 8-CENT FEDERAL CIGARETTE  
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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
ON TAXATION

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