



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 324**

*January Session, 2013*

House Bill No. 6039

*House of Representatives, April 3, 2013*

The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. GUERRERA of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT LIMITING EXPENDITURES FROM THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 13b-69 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 (a) The Treasurer shall apply the resources in the Special  
4 Transportation Fund, upon their receipt, first, to pay or provide for the  
5 payment of debt service requirements, as defined in section 13b-75, at  
6 such time or times, in such amount or amounts and in such manner, as  
7 provided by the proceedings authorizing the issuance of special tax  
8 obligation bonds pursuant to sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and  
9 then to pay from the Transportation Strategy Board projects account of  
10 the Special Transportation Fund, established under section 13b-57r, the  
11 incremental revenues identified in approved annual financing plans  
12 for cash funding in accordance with the provisions of section 13b-57q.

13 (b) The remaining resources of the Special Transportation Fund

14 shall, pursuant to appropriation thereof in accordance with chapter 50  
15 and subject to approval by the Governor of allotment thereof, be  
16 applied and expended for (1) payment of the principal of and interest  
17 on "general obligation bonds of the state issued for transportation  
18 purposes", as defined in subsection (c) of this section, or any  
19 obligations refunding the same, (2) payment of state budget  
20 appropriations made to or for the Department of Transportation and  
21 the Department of Motor Vehicles, and (3) payment of state budget  
22 appropriations made to or for the Department of Emergency Services  
23 and Public Protection for members of the Division of State Police  
24 designated by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public  
25 Protection for motor patrol work pursuant to section 29-4, except that  
26 (A) for the fiscal years commencing on or after July 1, 1998, excluding  
27 the highway motor patrol budgeted expenses, and (B) for the fiscal  
28 years commencing on or after July 1, 1999, excluding the highway  
29 motor patrol fringe benefits.

30 (c) As used in this section, "general obligation bonds of the state  
31 issued for transportation purposes" means the aggregate principal  
32 amount, as determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
33 Management, of state general obligation bonds authorized for  
34 transportation purposes pursuant to the following authorizations  
35 issued and outstanding at any time: Special acts 406 of the 1959  
36 session; 328 of the 1961 session, as amended; 362 of the 1963 session, as  
37 amended; 245 of the February 1965 special session, as amended; 276  
38 and 315 of the 1967 session, as amended; 255 and 281 of the 1969  
39 session; 31 of the 1972 session, as amended; 73-74, as amended; 74-43;  
40 74-102, as amended; 75-101; 76-84, as amended; 77-47; 78-70; 78-71, as  
41 amended; 78-81, as amended; 79-95; 80-41; 81-71; 82-46, as amended;  
42 83-17 of the June special session; and 83-2 and 83-3 of the October  
43 special session; sections 4-66c; 13a-20; 13a-29; 13a-32 to 13a-35,  
44 inclusive; 13a-157; 13a-165; 13a-166; 13a-176 to 13a-192, inclusive; 13a-  
45 197; 13a-198a to 13a-198j, inclusive; 13a-239 to 13a-246, inclusive; 16-  
46 338; 16a-40j and 16a-40k; and section 28 of public act 132 of 1959,  
47 sections 8 and 13 of public act 325 of the February 1965 special session,  
48 as amended; sections 4 and 5 of public act 755 of 1969, as amended;

49 and section 1 of public act 80-392.

50 (d) The resources of the Special Transportation Fund shall be used  
51 only for transportation purposes.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                     |        |
| Section 1   | <i>July 1, 2013</i> | 13b-69 |

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

| Agency Affected                      | Fund-Effect    | FY 14 \$  | FY 15 \$  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Resources of the Transportation Fund | TF - See Below | See Below | See Below |

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the resources of the Special Transportation Fund (STF) to be used only for transportation purposes. Therefore, it would preclude future transfers from the STF to other funds for non-transportation purposes.

**Historical Transfers from the STF:**

Over the past ten fiscal years there has been one transfer from the STF to the General Fund of \$6.5 million in FY 09. Additionally, the Governors proposed FY 14 budget transfers \$74.8 million from the STF to the General Fund.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6039*****AN ACT LIMITING EXPENDITURES FROM THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires that money in the Special Transportation Fund be used only for transportation purposes.

The Special Transportation Fund pays for state highway and public transportation projects. It is supported by a number of revenue streams, most notably the motor fuels tax. By law, money in the fund must first be used for debt service and financing certain transportation projects. Its remaining funds must be spent for the payment of general obligation bonds issued for transportation purposes, and budget appropriations for the departments of (1) transportation, (2) motor vehicles, and (3) emergency services and public protection (for state police motor vehicle patrols).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 34    Nay 0    (03/15/2013)