



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5461**

LCO No. 666



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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
REP. CANDELARIA, 95th Dist.

**AN ACT IMPOSING A TAX ON SUGARY SOFT DRINKS AND CANDIES.**

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

1 That chapter 219 of the general statutes be amended to impose a tax  
2 of one cent per ounce on soft drinks, both carbonated and  
3 noncarbonated, that are high in calories and sugar and candies that are  
4 high in calories and sugar, the proceeds from which will be used to (1)  
5 address childhood obesity through prevention efforts, (2) fund  
6 municipalities throughout the state, and (3) contribute to the  
7 Governor's Scholarship program, as described in section 10a-173 of the  
8 general statutes.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To raise and evenly distribute revenue for childhood obesity, municipalities and the Governor's Scholarship program.