

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 74**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

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SYNOPSIS

Proposes constitutional amendment to dedicate tax revenue from legal sale of recreational marijuana for mental health, addiction recovery and drug rehabilitation services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** proposing to amend Article VIII,
2 Section 1 of the New Jersey Constitution by adding a new
3 paragraph 8.

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5 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
6 *Jersey (the Senate concurring):*

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8 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of
9 the State of New Jersey is agreed to:

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11 **PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

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13 Amend Article VIII, Section 1 to include the following new
14 paragraph:

15 8. There shall be set aside from the State revenue an amount
16 equal to that collected from the annual revenue derived from a tax
17 imposed on the legal sale of recreational marijuana under the "Sales
18 and Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.), or any other
19 subsequent law of similar effect. The amount annually derived
20 from the collection of taxes pursuant to this paragraph shall be
21 credited annually to a special account in the general fund, and shall
22 be dedicated, and appropriated from time to time by the Legislature,
23 exclusively for the purposes of mental health, addiction recovery
24 and drug rehabilitation services.

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26 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally
27 agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it
28 shall be submitted to the people at the next general election
29 occurring more than three months after the final agreement and
30 shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each
31 county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
32 General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than three
33 months prior to the general election.

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35 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be
36 submitted to the people at that election in the following manner and
37 form:

38 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the
39 general election, the following:

40 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a
41 legend which shall immediately precede the question as follows:

42 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus
43 (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are
44 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the
45 square opposite the word "No."

1 b. In every municipality the following question:
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	YES	<p>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE SALES TAX IMPOSED ON LEGAL SALE OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA TO BE USED FOR MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION RECOVERY AND DRUG REHABILITATION SERVICES</p> <p>Do you approve amending the Constitution to use the sales tax raised from the legal sale of recreational marijuana for certain purposes. The monies from the sales tax would be used only for mental health, addiction recovery and drug rehabilitation services.</p>
	NO	<p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>This proposed amendment would require the State to use sales tax revenue from the legal sale of recreational marijuana only for certain purposes. Those purposes are mental health, addiction recovery and drug rehabilitation services. The monies could not be used for any other purpose.</p>

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STATEMENT

This constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters of this State, would require the State to dedicate sales tax revenue from the legal sale of recreational marijuana every year. This money could only be used for mental health, addiction recovery and drug rehabilitation services and could not be spent for any other purpose through the State budget.