

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 44

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator SINAGRA

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** expressing the sentiment of the Legislature and
2 the Governor that certain attorneys suing the tobacco industry
3 should be compensated for their services out of moneys recovered.
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5 **WHEREAS**, The Attorney General of New Jersey has retained several
6 private law firms to sue the tobacco industry on behalf of the State;
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8 **WHEREAS**, A recent Superior Court decision has indicated that these
9 attorneys may proceed with representing the State but that any
10 judgment or settlement to be recovered in this matter would belong
11 to the State and could be spent only by the Legislature by way of
12 an appropriation; and

13 **WHEREAS**, The services rendered by these attorneys retained as
14 outside counsel by the Attorney General may result in the recovery
15 of moneys for the State of New Jersey; now, therefore,
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17 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
18 *of New Jersey:*
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20 1. The Legislature and the Governor of the State of New Jersey
21 express the sentiment that the attorneys retained as outside counsel
22 by the Attorney General of New Jersey should be compensated for
23 services rendered out of the proceeds of any judgment or settlement
24 which may be entered against any of the tobacco companies sued on
25 behalf of the State of New Jersey, which judgment or settlement
26 results in moneys received by the State.
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28 2. A duly authenticated copy of this joint resolution shall be
29 transmitted to the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey.
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31 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.
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STATEMENT

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36 This joint resolution expresses the sentiment of the Legislature and
37 the Governor that the attorneys retained as outside counsel by the

1 Attorney General of the State of New Jersey to sue tobacco companies
2 on behalf of the State should receive compensation for services
3 rendered out of the proceeds of a judgment or settlement which results
4 in the receipt of moneys by the State.

5 The sponsor of this joint resolution realizes that it is not binding
6 but believes that it is important to acknowledge the sentiment of this
7 Legislature and this Governor endorsing the concept of payment of
8 these legal fees.

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13 Expresses sentiment of Legislature and Governor concerning
14 compensation for certain outside counsel retained by Attorney
15 General.