

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
93rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2021  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1546**

TO PHASE OUT THE SOFT DRINK TAX; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS TO BE  
DISTRIBUTED TO OFFSET THE REVENUE REDUCTION RESULTING FROM THE PHASEOUT OF THE  
SOFT DRINK TAX.

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**Amendment No. 3 to House Bill 1546**

Amend House Bill No. 1546 as engrossed H4/7/21 (version: 04/07/2021 10:34:11 AM):

Immediately following the enacting clause, add an additional section to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The funding of the Arkansas Medicaid Program is of vital importance to the state;

(2) The Arkansas Soft Drink Tax Act, § 26-57-901 et seq., was enacted in 1993 to help pay for the Arkansas Medicaid Program at a time when the state's economy was not as strong as it is today; and

(3) Arkansas's economy has improved, and the state now has sufficient resources to fund the Arkansas Medicaid Program using general revenues.

(b) The General Assembly intends to:

(1) Continue to make funding the Arkansas Medicaid Program a priority in the state; and

(2) Satisfy the state's obligation to fund the Arkansas Medicaid Program using general revenues that were not available when the Arkansas Soft Drink Tax Act, § 26-57-901 et seq., was enacted."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill



The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chief Clerk