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GENERAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE

General Revenue (GR) collections for June were \$62.9 M under estimates adopted at the March 1999 Revenue Estimating Conference (REC), but finished the year \$87.4 M (about one-half of one percent) over estimate. The monthly shortfall is due to an Insurance Premium Tax transfer to GR that was not expected to occur until this month, but was made last month instead (see discussion below). Preliminary Sales Tax GR was \$12.7 M under estimate for the month, but closed the fiscal year \$91.6 M (about three-quarters of one percent) over estimate. (Recall that distributions are made from total Sales Tax Collections to local governments, the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund, and various sports facilities as well as to the General Revenue Fund.) All but one component of Sales Tax Collections were over estimate for the year, with Automobiles showing the largest absolute overage (\$38.8 M or 1.6% over for the year). Consumer Non-Durables, the only source under estimate, was only \$3.6 M, or less than one-tenth of one percent, under for the year.

Because of a May transfer to GR that was not expected until June, Insurance Premium Tax was \$65.2 M below estimate for the month, but ended the fiscal year at \$26.5 M (9.3%) under estimate. Only one other source performed worse: Interest Earnings fell \$23.7 M (almost 10%) under estimate for the year, primarily due to decreases in bond prices. Service Charges (7% and 7.3% transfers to GR from trust funds) were \$12.8 M (3.1%) under estimate for the

May Lottery Transfers to DOE Month: \$80.6 M or \$16.2 M above Feb 99 estimate Year: \$732.7 M or \$15.7 M above Feb 99 estimate \$.4 M below February 1998 estimate <u>General Revenue Collections</u> Month: \$62.9 M under the March 1999 estimate \$35.8 M under the March 1998 estimate adj for law chgs Year: \$87.4 M over the March 1999 estimate \$385.2 M over the March 1998 estimate adj for law chgs

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year, with a \$5.9 M shortfall in Motor Fuel Service Charge. The remainder of the shortfall comes from the "Other" category, a large number of small transfers from a variety of trust funds. Timing of transfers to GR from the Gas Tax Clearing Trust Fund is usually the culprit in Motor Fuel Service Charge shortfalls. Medical/Hospital Fees (county payments to reimburse the State for nursing home expenditures) came in below estimate for the year by \$4.6 M (4.2%); timing is also an issue in this source.

On the plus side of the ledger, Corporate Income Tax posted a \$15.5 M overage for the year (about 1% over estimate); Documentary Stamp Tax continued to outperform expectations, ending the year at about 3.5% over estimate in total collections and \$21.5 M (4.7%) over estimate in GR; Estate Tax continued to run above estimates, finishing \$20.8 M (about 3.2%) over for the year; and Corporations Trust Fund Fees were \$15.4 M (a whopping 19.3%) over estimate. The strong economy can claim credit for these good performances. Refunds ended the year \$27.1 M (9.2%) over estimate, which reduces net GR.

Overall, net GR collections for June were \$62.9 M under estimate for the month (due to the early transfer to GR from Insurance Premium Tax mentioned above) and \$87.4 M over estimate for the fiscal year. All estimates in the table below are based on the March 8, 1999 General Revenue Estimating Conference. Next month's report will use these same March 1999 estimates, adjusted for law changes enacted during the 1999 regular session.

TABLE 1 - JUNE GENERAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS (\$ MILLIONS - BASED ON MARCH 1999 ESTIMATES)								
	ACTUAL CURRENT MONTH	ESTIMATE CURRENT MONTH	OVER/ UNDER ESTIM	CURRENT YEAR ACTUAL		OVER/ UNDER ESTIMATE		PERCENT INCREASE/ DECREASE
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS	1,071.2	1,083.9	(12.7)	12,706.0	12,614.4	91.6	11,841.1	7.3%
BEVERAGE TAXES	43.8	45.1	(1.3)	562.1	559.1	3.0	550.1	2.2%
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	282.7	268.7	14.0	1,472.2	1,456.7	15.5	1,395.7	5.5%
DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX	70.9	63.3	7.5	479.9	458.4	21.5	429.6	11.7%
TOBACCO TAX	17.9	18.7	(0.8)	132.6	131.3	1.3	142.1	-6.7%
INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX	56.2	121.4	(65.2)	257.9	284.4	(26.5)	295.5	-12.7%
PARIMUTUEL TAXES	3.9	4.1	(0.2)	14.0	12.0	2.0	25.6	-45.4%
INTANGIBLES TAXES	132.8	129.6	3.3	751.2	752.7	(1.5)	756.0	-0.6%
ESTATE TAX	56.9	58.4	(1.5)	674.1	653.3	20.8	595.0	13.3%
INTEREST EARNINGS	12.8	23.7	(11.0)	214.9	238.6	(23.7)	217.9	-1.4%
DRIVERS LICENSE FEES	6.0	4.2	1.8	62.2	61.0	1.2	61.2	1.6%
MEDICAL HOSPITAL FEES	8.5	7.6	0.9	104.5	109.1	(4.6)	99.8	4.7%
MOTOR VEHICLE CHARGES	4.5	4.5	0.0	41.8	41.9	(0.1)	41.3	1.1%
AUTOMOBILE TITLE FEES	2.9	2.8	0.1	24.3	24.2	0.1	24.0	1.1%
SEVERANCE TAXES	0.5	3.9	(3.4)	33.2	32.4	0.8	35.4	-6.1%
SERVICE CHARGES	33.2	33.4	(0.2)	401.5	414.3	(12.8)	383.8	4.6%
CORPORATION TRUST FUND FEES	9.6	7.7	2.0	95.4	80.0	15.4	101.8	-6.3%
OTHER TAXES LICENSES & FEES	11.2	9.3	1.9	161.1	150.5	10.6	160.6	0.3%
TOTAL REVENUE	1,825.5	1,890.2	(64.7)	18,188.8	18,074.3	114.5	17,156.5	6.0%
LESS REFUNDS	11.1	12.9	(1.8)	321.9	294.8	27.1	204.6	57.31%
NET REVENUE	1.814.4	1,877.3	(62.9)	17,866.9	17,779.5	87.4	16,951.8	5.4%