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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Indiana, under the provisions of Article 5, Section 14, of the Constitution of the State of Indiana, I do hereby veto House Enrolled Act 1546, enacted during the regular session of the 118th General Assembly, which would retroactively approve unauthorized collection of local option income tax in Jackson and Pulaski counties after legal authority for those tax collections had expired.

If Hoosiers owe taxes, they should pay them. But when Hoosiers pay taxes that are not owed, they deserve relief and the legislation does not meet that standard.

HEA 1546 would approve, after the fact, the collection of taxes that were not owed. While there are valuable elements of this legislation, retroactive approval of the taxes collected is not the proper remedy and for that reason I am vetoing this legislation.

Date: May 9, 2013

MICHAEL R. PENCE
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