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## **Democrats Push Through Tax Hike on Senior Citizens; Republicans Object**

Senior citizens will have less money in their pockets, due to a bill that would raise taxes on over 154,000 senior citizens throughout the state of Colorado. House Democrats pushed through Senate Bill 276 on Second Reading today, which would eliminate Colorado's Senior Homestead Exemption Act for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

"The worst thing we can do in the midst of a recession is to raise taxes on Colorado's senior citizens," said Rep. Marsha Looper, R-Calhan. "Most of Colorado's senior citizens are living on tight budgets, and use this extra money to buy their medication and pay their bills."

SB 276 passed, but not before Republicans added an amendment that would keep disabled veterans from having their taxes raised as well.

"I'm happy that we saved our disabled veterans from having to face another tax increase," Rep. Larry Liston, R-Colorado Springs. "It's a shame that Democrats decided to raise taxes on the elderly people of Colorado."

SB 276 must pass Third Reading before the State Senate takes the measure up again.

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