

## House Resolution 147

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Abuse of Disabled Parking Permits; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia issues special parking permits to persons with disabilities upon  
4 presentation of an affidavit by a licensed physician, doctor of osteopathy, doctor of podiatry,  
5 optometrist, or chiropractor stating that such person is a disabled person; and

6 WHEREAS, signs mark designated parking spaces, and use of such parking spaces is  
7 permitted only for a person with a disability or a driver of a person with a disability that has  
8 a valid parking placard or license plate for persons with a disability; and

9 WHEREAS, family members and friends that utilize the permit when the disabled person is  
10 not being transported are in violation of the law and are taking up valuable parking spaces  
11 that could be utilized for persons with disabilities; and

12 WHEREAS, some states, including South Carolina, are implementing a requirement that the  
13 special parking permits include a recent photograph of the disabled person to deter the  
14 practice and aid in enforcement; and

15 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the issue to identify the extent of the abuse and  
16 possible solutions.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

18 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
19 on Abuse of Disabled Parking Permits.

20 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
21 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
22 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson  
23 of the committee.

24 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,  
25 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or  
26 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

27 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee  
28 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
29 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
30 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

31 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive  
32 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia  
33 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any  
34 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.  
35 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
36 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

37 (6) **Report.**

38 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that  
39 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the

40 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to  
41 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

42 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for  
43 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)  
44 of this paragraph.

45 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
46 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.  
47 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with  
48 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

49 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the  
50 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu  
51 thereof.

52 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2021.