

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to HR 565:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Motor Vehicle Dealer License Plates and
2 Temporary Operating Permits; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, according to the Georgia Department of Revenue, there has been a dramatic
4 increase in the number of illegal temporary operating permits issued by Georgia licensed
5 dealers in this state and in other states; and

6 WHEREAS, the department reports that a substantial number of licensed dealers are selling
7 temporary operating permits, which is illegal, and improperly issuing multiple temporary
8 operating permits to customers when the dealers cannot timely process the title application;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, lawmakers and industry leaders have expressed concerns with the abuse of
11 dealer plates used to avoid the payment of title ad valorem taxes on luxury motor vehicles
12 and to avoid personal responsibility for citations for moving violations and unpaid tolls; and

13 WHEREAS, the department reports that it has discovered licensed motor vehicle dealers
14 selling or renting their dealer plates, which is illegal, and even sharing forged copies of their
15 dealer plates; and

16 WHEREAS, law enforcement officials report that criminals in Georgia and other states have
17 used the illegally issued temporary operating permits, rented dealer plates, and forged copies
18 of dealer plates to move stolen motor vehicles and drugs, avoid payment of title ad valorem
19 tax and title and registration fees, operate vehicles without passing required federal emissions
20 standards, and operate vehicles without minimum liability insurance; and

21 WHEREAS, study is needed to examine Georgia's issuance of dealer plates and temporary
22 operating permits to motor vehicle dealers, analyze trends, and make comparisons to other
23 states' laws and regulations to determine if legislative action is warranted in this state.

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

25 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
26 on Motor Vehicle Dealer License Plates and Temporary Operating Permits.

27 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of four members of the
28 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
29 and the chairperson of the House Committee on Motor Vehicles, who shall serve as
30 chairperson of the committee.

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

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

38 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

39 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided
40 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

41 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
42 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
43 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
44 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

45 **(6) Report.**

46 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
47 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the
48 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
49 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

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

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

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

60 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2024.