

House Resolution 687

By: Representatives Houston of the 170th and Tanner of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Court Surcharge Fees Related to DUI and Reckless
2 Driving Offenses; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the state recognizes that without proper attention and resources state entities
4 presently funded through surcharge fees related to driving under the influence and reckless
5 driving violations may face financial burdens due to declining conviction numbers
6 throughout the state; and

7 WHEREAS, it is highly desirable to review the strengths and weaknesses of various options
8 of alternative or additional approaches to funding these state entities; and

9 WHEREAS, the positive impact on the state's citizens, economy, and institutions derived
10 from the availability of alternative funding resources for these state entities could be great.

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

12 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
13 on Court Surcharge Fees Related to DUI and Reckless Driving Offenses.

14 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
15 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
17 of the committee.

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

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

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

31 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

46 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2017.