

House Resolution 71

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Front of Vehicle License Plates; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia law does not currently provide for front of vehicle license plates; and

4 WHEREAS, studies show that requiring license plates on both the front and rear of vehicles
5 improves public safety; and

6 WHEREAS, front of vehicle license plates allow law enforcement officers to see license
7 plates on vehicles approaching them, increasing law enforcement officers' ability to
8 apprehend criminals; and

9 WHEREAS, many after-market, no-drill front-plate brackets are readily available for
10 purchase, making a front of vehicle license plate an easy addition to a vehicle; and

11 WHEREAS, a study is needed on what changes would be necessary throughout the Official
12 Code of Georgia Annotated to implement a requirement of front of vehicle license plates; and

13 WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue should be consulted and involved in the
14 examination of the costs and feasibility of a change to state law to require front of vehicle
15 license plates for all registered vehicles.

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

17 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
18 on Front of Vehicle License Plates.

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

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

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

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

36 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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

51 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2023.