

## Senate Resolution 555

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Hill of the 4th, Payne of the 54th, Anderson of the 43rd and Dugan of the 30th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Creating a Lottery Game to Benefit Veterans; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, some of Georgia's military veterans experience particular needs, such as  
4 post-traumatic stress, homelessness, health insurance costs, disabilities, long-term care, and  
5 employment training and other similar needs; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Lottery has proven a robust instrument for financing the state's  
7 educational needs; and

8 WHEREAS, authorization for a new set of lottery games targeting veteran's issues could  
9 provide a new source of financing without adversely affecting the current recipients of funds  
10 from the Georgia Lottery; and

11 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the possibility of authorizing the creation of one  
12 or more Georgia Lottery games for the benefit of Georgia's military veterans.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

14 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee  
15 on Creating a Lottery Game to Benefit Veterans.

16 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
17 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a  
18 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

22 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee  
23 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

24 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
25 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

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

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

29 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member  
30 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds  
31 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
32 appropriated to the Senate.

33 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

45 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary  
46 of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

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