

Senate Resolution 570

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Albers of the 56th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Pool Industry Standards and Licensing Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the General Assembly regulates various industries and often adopts common
4 standards and requires licensing and other procedures with the intent of protecting consumer
5 interests; and

6 WHEREAS, the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals (APSP) has set national standards
7 for the licensing and practices of pool contractors; and

8 WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds that it is important to determine if the laws of this
9 state should require the licensing of pool contractors and reflect common standards for the
10 pool industry in Georgia in order to provide consumer protections and quality expectations
11 for the citizens of this state.

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

13 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Pool Industry
14 Standards and Licensing Study Committee.

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

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

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

32 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

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

46 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2015.