

Senate Resolution 773

By: Senators Robertson of the 29th, Ginn of the 47th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Anavitarte of the 31st, Summers of the 13th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Direct Sales of Electric Vehicles Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Governor Brian Kemp has recognized electric mobility as a key economic
4 development sector for the State of Georgia and established the Electric Mobility and
5 Innovation Alliance to identify strategic investments that should be made to increase
6 competitiveness and to support workforce development, the supply chain, infrastructure, and
7 research and development; and

8 WHEREAS, the importance of providing direct to consumer sales and service of zero
9 emission and electric motor vehicles has been recognized by the General Assembly since
10 2015, yet only one electric vehicle manufacturer qualifies under current Georgia law to make
11 direct sales; and

12 WHEREAS, the operation of direct to consumer sales and service in Georgia since the
13 change in law in 2015 allowing for such sales and service has shown no negative impact on
14 the volume of sales and service or the profitability and growth of Georgia's auto dealers and
15 dealerships; and

16 WHEREAS, consumer acceptance of and national growth in online sales of new and used
17 vehicles has exploded over the past decade; and

18 WHEREAS, recent announcements by Carvana and Rivian on company expansions in this
19 state will create more than 10,000 jobs for Georgians between the two companies; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia motor vehicle dealers have spent considerable amounts of money
21 establishing a physical presence and supporting local communities, with dealerships often
22 being passed down through generations; and

23 WHEREAS, a study is needed to determine what changes to Georgia law can be made to
24 provide consumers in Georgia with the convenient direct sale options for electric vehicles
25 they desire while protecting the investment Georgia motor vehicle dealers have made in their
26 dealerships and local communities.

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

28 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Direct Sales of
29 Electric Vehicles Study Committee.

30 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of the following
31 members:

32 (A) Two members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate;

33 (B) The chairperson of the Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee;

34 (C) The chairperson of the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee;

35 (D) The chairperson of the Senate Science and Technology Committee;

36 (E) The chairperson of the Senate Transportation Committee;

37 (F) The commissioner of economic development or his or her designee;

(G) The chairperson of the Innovation Committee of the Georgia Electric Mobility and Innovation Alliance;

(H) Two members representing electric vehicle manufacturers to be appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(I) Two members representing Georgia motor vehicle dealers to be appointed by the President of the Senate.

The President of the Senate shall designate a legislative member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

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

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

(5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

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

(B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

(C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia

Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(D) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate; except that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

(6) Report.

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

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

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

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

(7) Abolishment. The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2022.