

House Resolution 1695

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A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to terrorism and the systemic protection of Georgia's public health and life
2 sustaining natural resources; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Georgia General Assembly to defend, protect, and
4 enhance the security of the people of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the security of Georgia includes protection of the public health and life
6 sustaining natural resources from terrorism; and

7 WHEREAS, the protection of life sustaining natural resources includes capabilities and
8 standardized protocols for the rapid response and detection of biological, radiological, and
9 chemical agents; capabilities and standardized protocols for the treatment of water used for
10 domestic purposes that is contaminated from biological, radiological, and chemical agents
11 used for terrorism; and prevention of contamination of the water, air, and land from
12 biological, radiological, and chemical agents used for terrorism.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 this body asserts that: (1) Federal government appropriations on terrorism must be effectively
15 and efficiently utilized so that they rebuild the critical infrastructure for public health and life
16 sustaining natural resource protection and thus ensure that state and local governments are
17 prepared for all viable threats; (2) Critical infrastructure in Georgia must be prepared to
18 accomplish the following: (A) detect and track chemical, radiological, and biological agents;
19 (B) detect outbreaks through disease surveillance and epidemiological investigation,
20 including waterborne, airborne, and foodborne illness investigations; (C) provide treatment
21 for adverse health impacts resulting from exposure to biological, radiological, and chemical
22 agents used for terrorism, and offer online access to medical data and treatment guidelines
23 for health care providers; (D) establish protocols for data collection, electronic reporting,
24 and information exchange; and (E) disseminate information to the community and media;
25 (3) Communication networks between state and local health departments, medical providers,

1 hospitals, laboratories, emergency responders, schools, and community organizations must
2 be designed and established to ensure rapid conveyance of information about exposure and
3 diseases resulting from biological, radiological, and chemical agents used for terrorism. This
4 communication network can serve as a foundation for collecting and conveying information
5 about emerging infectious diseases and environmental health dangers, along with potential
6 terrorist incidents; (4) Guidelines for the diagnosis, treatment, and protective steps that
7 should be taken in health emergencies related to exposure to contamination of life sustaining
8 natural resources from biological, radiological, and chemical agents used for terrorism must
9 be established; and (5) Georgia's statutes, rules, and policies and procedures must support
10 protection of the public health and life sustaining natural resources and remain of the utmost
11 importance to the Georgia General Assembly.