

House Resolution 975 (AM)

By: Representative Mobley of the 69<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee for House Bill 851; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia requires a "resident" to obtain a motor vehicle driver's  
3 license from the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety; and

4 WHEREAS, under the present system, the definition of "resident" restricts such licenses to  
5 citizens of the United States or legally authorized aliens residing within the state illegally;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, such standards prohibit numerous persons living within the State of Georgia  
8 from obtaining a driver license and consequently from obtaining automobile insurance; and

9 WHEREAS, unlicensed and uninsured motorist on the roads, streets, and highways within  
10 the state create unsafe driving conditions on Georgia's highways; and

11 WHEREAS, in the interest of public safety, the definition of a "resident" for motor vehicle  
12 driver's license purposes should be studied to determine if an expanded definition of  
13 "resident" might provide safer driving conditions for the people living within the State of  
14 Georgia and help to ensure accountability from the drivers utilizing Georgia's roads.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
16 there is created the House Study Committee on House Bill 851 to be composed of five  
17 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
18 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of  
19 the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
21 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions  
22 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may

1 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
2 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
3 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
4 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative  
5 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are  
6 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
7 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee  
8 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed  
9 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2002. The  
10 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2002.