

Senate Resolution 338

By: Senator Beatty of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Video Poker Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, increasing numbers of video poker game machines and other similar machines
3 and devices are being installed in businesses in the State of Georgia, particularly since the
4 prohibition of such devices in the State of South Carolina; and

5 WHEREAS, current Georgia law prohibits the use of such devices for gambling purposes,
6 but there have been reports of increasing levels of violation of Georgia law on this subject;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the presence of these devices presents serious societal issues for the state,
9 including but not limited to: whether or not such devices promote illegal gambling; the
10 effects of access to and use of such devices by minors; and whether such devices do, can, or
11 should provide a source of state and local revenue and their impact on other state and local
12 revenue sources; and

13 WHEREAS, legislation relating to such devices has been presented for consideration in the
14 General Assembly but there has been no thorough study of the issues related to such devices
15 by the General Assembly by a committee organized for that purpose.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
17 Video Poker Study Committee to be composed of five members of the Senate to be
18 appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall designate a
19 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all
20 meetings of the committee.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
22 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
23 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 Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its
8 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
9 shall be made on or before January 14, 2002. The committee shall stand abolished on
10 January 14, 2002.