

House Resolution 598

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the Legislative Services Committee to establish an area on the third floor of the
- 2 capitol away from the House of Representatives and Senate chambers as the only area on
- 3 such floor in which registered lobbyists are permitted to gather; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the swarm of registered lobbyists in the vicinity of the House and Senate
- 5 chambers is not only unseemly, but also it greatly impedes the freedom of movement of
- 6 Representatives and Senators; and
- 7 WHEREAS, constituents and physically disabled persons find it difficult, if not impossible,
- 8 to meet their elected Representative or Senator because they are unable to penetrate the
- 9 gathered mass of lobbyists; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Representatives and Senators have missed important votes because they get
- 11 caught up in the crush, which often resembles I-285 during rush hour; and
- 12 WHEREAS, visiting constituents leave with an unfavorable impression of our government
- 13 after witnessing Representatives and Senators constantly being swarmed over and besieged
- 14 by lobbyists.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 16 the Legislative Services Committee is urged to establish an area on the third floor of the
- 17 capitol which shall be the only area on such floor where lobbyists may congregate and loiter.
- 18 The committee is urged to ban lobbyists from stopping, loitering, or conversing with any
- 19 member of the General Assembly or any other person in the hallways adjacent to the
- 20 entrance to such chambers or in any other area of the third floor outside of the designated
- 21 area. The committee is urged to provide television monitors and access to page services for
- 22 persons in such area.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Legislative Services
3 Committee.