

House Resolution 52

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 To create the Joint Mold Standards Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, there has been an increasing realization of the problem of people becoming
3 seriously ill as a result of their exposure to certain types of mold and biological contaminants
4 in buildings in this state; and
- 5 WHEREAS, these buildings include homes, apartments, hotels, hospitals, nursing homes,
6 child care facilities, office buildings, and schools; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the exposure to mold and other multicellular fungi and biological contaminants
8 is a serious health issue and affects the citizens, the work force, the educational system, and
9 the health care delivery system of this state; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the General Assembly needs to study this matter to determine if legislation is
11 needed to address this problem.
- 12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Mold Standards Study Committee to be composed
14 of 12 members. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members
15 of the House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of
16 such members as cochairperson. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also
17 appoint an additional three members of the committee as follows: one member shall be a
18 local official who is responsible for enforcing housing codes and maintaining public safety
19 in buildings; one member shall be a licensed health care professional under Title 43 of the
20 Official Code of Georgia Annotated who is an expert on the health effects of mold; and one
21 member shall be a licensed practicing architect or consulting engineer. The President of the
22 Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate as members of the committee and shall
23 designate one of such members as cochairperson. The President of the Senate shall also
24 appoint an additional three members of the committee as follows: one member shall be an

1 individual who is a mold abatement expert; one member shall be an individual who is or
2 represents persons who have been affected by toxic mold; and one member shall be a public
3 health professional. The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
5 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
6 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
7 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
8 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
9 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
10 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
11 Code of Georgia Annotated. Citizen members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the
12 amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia
13 Annotated as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.
14 Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, and state
15 employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they shall
16 be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members
17 of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities
18 as state officials or employees. The funds necessary for the reimbursement of the expenses
19 of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall come from funds
20 appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective departments. All other funds
21 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated
22 to the House of Representatives and the Senate. The expenses and allowances authorized by
23 this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days
24 unless additional days are authorized. In the event the committee makes a report of its
25 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
26 shall be made on or before December 31, 2003. The committee shall stand abolished on
27 December 31, 2003.