

The House Committee on Health & Human Services offers the following substitute to HR 228:

A RESOLUTION

1 Strongly urging the Secretary of State to address with the public the health dangers of certain
2 cosmetic coverings of the teeth and to encourage efforts to remove those unscrupulous and
3 unlicensed providers of such coverings; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in recent years certain unscrupulous individuals who are not licensed to practice
5 dentistry have promoted and sold to the public caps, cosmetic coverings, and prostheses for
6 human teeth made out of various materials; and

7 WHEREAS, as a result of the questionable business practices and the lack of professional
8 dental training of these sellers of dental coverings, many citizens of Georgia have suffered
9 permanent tooth loss and serious and debilitating health conditions; and

10 WHEREAS, these sellers market their products and services as safe to an unsuspecting
11 public that soon discovers after purchasing such products that they may have developed
12 serious infections and may be experiencing considerable pain and suffering; and

13 WHEREAS, the sale of these cosmetic dental coverings can be found at many shopping
14 malls and flea markets where customers receive services in unhealthy and unsterile
15 conditions; and

16 WHEREAS, the Secretary of State has an excellent history of consumer advocacy and
17 education and can provide the public with information about the dangers associated with
18 purchases of cosmetic dental coverings from unauthorized practitioners and encourage local
19 authorities to halt such practices within their jurisdictions.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 GEORGIA that the members of this body strongly urge the Secretary of State to take all
22 necessary steps to inform the public about the dangers of purchasing cosmetic dental
23 coverings from unlicensed practitioners.

- 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 Secretary of State.