

House Resolution 670

By: Representatives Epps of the 90th, Lucas of the 105th, Ehrhart of the 28th, and Smith of the 110th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Coin Operated Amusement Machines; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has regulated certain coin operated amusement machines
4 for several years; and

5 WHEREAS, an Act approved September 15, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001 Extraordinary Sessions, p.
6 312) defined gambling devices to include certain matchup or lineup games and certain video
7 games for the play of poker, blackjack, any other card game, or keno; and

8 WHEREAS, there has been some controversy regarding the correct interpretation of the 2001
9 Act; and

10 WHEREAS, a bill has been proposed to change the definition of coin operated amusement
11 machines again, and there has been discussion regarding a constitutional amendment that
12 would permit dedicating the revenue from fees and fines derived from regulation of such
13 machines to the costs of regulation and to education; and

14 WHEREAS, there has been and continues to be controversy regarding the best methods for
15 regulating coin operated amusement machines in order to preserve opportunities for public
16 recreation and for small businesses while protecting the public from the evils of gambling.

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

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
2 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
3 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
4 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
5 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
6 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
7 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
8 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
9 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
10 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee
11 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
12 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2003. The
13 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2003.