

House Resolution 341

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63rd and Day of the 163rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the continuation of an existing Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police ad hoc
2 committee to evaluate electronic shock devices, including stun guns and tasers; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the use of electronic shock devices in law enforcement to control or subdue
5 unruly suspects or prisoners has proliferated, giving rise to concerns for the protection of
6 human rights; and

7 WHEREAS, international standards encourage the development of less-than-lethal force to
8 be used by law enforcement in order to decrease the risk of death or injury inherent in the use
9 of firearms; and

10 WHEREAS, reasonable standards dictate new weapons of this nature must be carefully
11 evaluated and their use controlled by policy.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 this body encourages the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police to continue utilizing the
14 services of its Electronic Control Device (ECD) ad hoc committee, which consists of law
15 enforcement professionals, academic advisers, attorneys, and physicians, so as to objectively
16 evaluate the safety of this type of device and to provide a sample "model law enforcement
17 policy" pertaining to when electronic control devices may be appropriately used.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police ad hoc
19 committee is encouraged to continue with its commitment to prepare a "white paper"
20 explaining its position on this issue and the reasons for its position and that such white paper
21 then be disseminated to members of the General Assembly, as needed.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Board of Public Safety,

- 1 the Board of Corrections, and to the office of the executive director of the Georgia
- 2 Association of Chiefs of Police.