

## House Resolution 366

By: Representatives Stanley-Turner of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Thomas of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Henson of the 87<sup>th</sup>,  
Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Drenner of the 86<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Human Resources to forthwith eliminate the vehicle asset test for  
2 food stamp eligibility; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia currently employs a vehicle asset test as part of the eligibility  
4 requirements for the food stamp program; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia's vehicle asset test essentially deems a potential recipient ineligible for  
6 food stamps if he or she owns a vehicle which is valued at more than \$4,650.00; and

7 WHEREAS, under federal guidelines, since 2001, states have been authorized to relax or  
8 eliminate such vehicle asset tests; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia is one of only two states which has not relaxed or eliminated the  
10 vehicle asset test for purposes of food stamp eligibility; and

11 WHEREAS, if the vehicle asset test were eliminated, it would increase food stamp  
12 participation in Georgia by 15 percent.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
14 the members of this body urge the Department of Human Resources to forthwith eliminate  
15 the vehicle asset test for food stamp eligibility.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the commissioner of human  
18 resources.