

## Senate Resolution 127

By: Senators Thomas of the 2nd, Goggans of the 7th, Staton of the 18th, Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th and others

**ADOPTED SENATE**

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging counties and municipalities in Georgia to take proactive measures towards reducing  
2 underage drinking; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, alcohol use by young people is extremely dangerous both to themselves and to  
4 society at large since underage alcohol use is associated with traffic fatalities, violence,  
5 unsafe sex, suicide, educational failure, and other problem behaviors that diminish the  
6 prospects of future success and create health risks; and

7 WHEREAS, despite these serious concerns, the media continue to make drinking look  
8 attractive to our youth and it remains easy for teenagers to get access to alcohol; and

9 WHEREAS, underage drinking costs the nation a conservatively estimated \$53 billion  
10 dollars annually and more young people drink alcohol than smoke tobacco or use marijuana;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, reducing underage drinking requires a cooperative effort from all levels of  
13 government, federal, state and local, as well as alcohol manufacturers and retailers, the  
14 entertainment industry, parents, and other adults within local communities; and

15 WHEREAS, youth can be influenced by the counties and cities in which they live using  
16 radio, television, print media, school newsletters, and other means to educate them about the  
17 dangers of underage drinking.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
19 urge every municipality and county in the state to take proactive measures to help in the fight  
20 to reduce underage drinking.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Municipal Association and

- 1 the Association County Commissioners of Georgia to be distributed to every municipality
- 2 and county in the state.