

The House Committee on Regulated Industries offers the following substitute to HR 720:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Funeral Service Profession; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the time following the loss of a loved one is one of the most difficult periods
4 in an individual's life; and

5 WHEREAS, the funeral service profession has the responsibility of providing efficient and
6 compassionate service during this difficult period; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia's regulation of the funeral service profession should ensure that funeral
8 service providers in Georgia are meeting the highest standards of the profession.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 there is created the House Study Committee on the Funeral Service Profession to be
11 composed of eight members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and shall consist
12 of one member of the Georgia Funeral Practitioners Association, one member of the Georgia
13 Funeral Directors Association, one member of the Independent Funeral Directors of Georgia,
14 two members of the Georgia Funeral Service Board, and three members of the Georgia
15 House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as
16 chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the general
18 issues present in the funeral service profession, including, but not limited to, hours of
19 operation, full and continuous management in charge at the funeral facilities, and compliance
20 with Federal Trade Commission standards. The committee shall meet five times: May and
21 September of 2007 in Atlanta, Georgia; June of 2007 in Dalton, Georgia; July of 2007 in
22 Perry, Georgia; and August of 2007 in Tifton, Georgia. The legislative members of the
23 committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim
24 legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than ten days unless additional

1 days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall
2 come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the
3 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
4 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2007. The
5 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2007.