

House Resolution 78

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, McCall of the 30th, Levitas of the 82nd, Burns of the 157th, England of the 108th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Joint Equine Industry Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has significant amounts of pasture land and facilities that
3 would allow for the raising, stabling, and training of horses; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia's economy would benefit from an expansion of the equine
5 industry in Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia would receive broad financial benefits from additional
7 employment opportunities, the investment of additional capital, and the realization of profits
8 from the raising and quartering of horses and the possibility of training and racing of horses
9 at tracks in this state; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the financial and other implications of such an expansion of the equine industry
11 in Georgia deserve to be considered and studied.
- 12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 GEORGIA that there is created the Joint Equine Industry Study Committee to be composed
14 of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the
15 House of Representatives and five members of the Senate to be appointed by the President
16 of the Senate. The Speaker shall designate one of the House members of the committee to
17 be a co-chairperson and the President shall designate one of the Senate members of the
18 committee to be a co-chairperson of the committee. The co-chairpersons shall call all
19 meetings of the committee.
- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the above
21 issues and recommend any actions or legislation that the committee deems necessary or
22 appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as
23 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,

24 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The
25 members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members
26 of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days
27 unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
28 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the
29 Senate, as appropriate. In the event that the committee makes a report of its findings and
30 recommendations with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made
31 on or before December 31, 2009. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31,
32 2009.