

The House Committee on Regulated Industries offers the following substitute to HR 78:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 there is created the House Equine Industry Study Committee to be composed of five
14 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate one of the House members of the committee
16 to be the chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the
17 committee.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the above
19 issues and recommend any actions or legislation that the committee deems necessary or
20 appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as
21 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,
22 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The
23 members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members

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