

Senate Resolution 628

By: Senator Hudgens of the 47th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Health Care Provider Rental Network Contract  
2 Arrangements; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the health of its citizens is of primary importance to the State of Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, access to health care services and the availability and affordability of health  
5 insurance have a direct impact on the lives and well-being of the residents of this state; and

6 WHEREAS, the number of intermediary entities involved in the health care payment process,  
7 as well as the unregulated secondary discount market, is increasing dramatically; and

8 WHEREAS, there is an increased public concern as to how these organizations gain access  
9 to a provider's health care services, contractual discounts, provider network contracts that  
10 subsequently grant access to another third party, and the need for accountability and  
11 transparency in these arrangements for the benefit of patients and physicians.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate  
13 Study Committee on Health Care Provider Rental Network Contract Arrangements to be  
14 composed of five members of the Senate to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. The  
15 Lieutenant Governor shall designate a chairperson from among the appointees. The  
16 committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of issues  
18 surrounding the granting of access to a provider's health care services and contractual  
19 discounts to a third party under certain circumstances. The committee may conduct such  
20 meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable  
21 it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the  
22 objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee shall receive the  
23 allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative committees from the

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