

## Senate Resolution 638

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate On and Off Premise Signs Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Georgia is blessed with a robust transportation system, including a modern  
3 highway system; and

4 WHEREAS, it is important to keep the signs along the highways in this state from becoming  
5 a nuisance or a distraction to drivers; and

6 WHEREAS, it is equally important to allow landowners along highways to advertise  
7 products and services available for the motoring public; and

8 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation often finds itself in the position of trying to  
9 determine what the proper definitions of "on premise" and "off premise" sign are and then  
10 trying to enforce existing federal and state regulations; and

11 WHEREAS, the need exists for a comprehensive review of the current law in order to create  
12 a balance between these competing interests.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate  
14 On and Off Premise Signs Study Committee to be composed of three members. The  
15 President of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate as members of the  
16 committee and shall designate one of such members as chairperson. The chairperson shall  
17 call all meetings of the committee. Each of the three Senate members, in consultation with  
18 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall invite a member of the House of  
19 Representatives to serve on the committee on an ad hoc basis.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
21 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action  
22 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may

23 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
24 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
25 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the  
26 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official  
27 Code of Georgia Annotated. All funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution  
28 shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate. The expenses and allowances authorized  
29 by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five  
30 days unless additional days are authorized. In the event the committee makes a report of its  
31 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report  
32 shall be made on or before December 1, 2011. The committee shall stand abolished on  
33 December 1, 2011.