

## House Resolution 1731

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Comprehensive Motor Vehicle and Traffic Reform Study Committee;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it has been many years since there has been a systematic study of the State of  
4 Georgia's motor vehicle and traffic provisions and there exists a need for such a study today;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the 2011 Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform for Georgians and the  
7 Special Joint Committee on Georgia Criminal Justice Reform have successfully considered  
8 many criminal provisions and a large portion of the needs for criminal justice structural  
9 changes; however, this committee did not focus on criminal provisions pertaining to motor  
10 vehicles and traffic in Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; and

11 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of Georgia's motor vehicle and traffic code is necessary  
12 to enhance public safety, provide for greater efficiencies and consistencies, reduce  
13 ambiguities, hold violators more accountable, and lower state expense; and

14 WHEREAS, the motor vehicle traffic codes of Georgia, like that of other states, has received  
15 numerous sporadic, piecemeal revisions over the years, and these changes too frequently  
16 have been made in an isolated context without due regard for the overall traffic enforcement  
17 system; and

18 WHEREAS, such a study and the formulation of recommendations for motor vehicle and  
19 traffic justice structural changes can best be carried out through an established committee;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, a careful and comprehensive study should be undertaken to determine how best  
22 to modernize and organize Georgia's motor vehicle and traffic provisions into a more  
23 equitable manageable system for all Georgians.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 there is created the House Comprehensive Motor Vehicle and Traffic Reform Study  
26 Committee to be composed of seven members of the House of Representatives to be  
27 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a  
28 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. All meetings of the committee  
29 shall be at the discretion of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
31 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action  
32 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
33 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
34 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
35 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
36 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of  
37 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall be received by the  
38 members of the committee for such days as are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out  
39 the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of  
40 Representatives.