

House Resolution 1737

By: Representatives Kidd of the 141<sup>st</sup> and Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Constitution of Georgia authorizes additional penalties for driving under the  
3 influence of alcohol or other drugs and for the use of such funds for the care and  
4 rehabilitation of persons with brain and spinal cord injuries; and

5 WHEREAS, the need for such services overwhelms the resources available; and

6 WHEREAS, the concept of levying additional penalties for operating water craft while under  
7 the influence of alcohol or other drugs, operating a motorcycle without a helmet, and parking  
8 illegally in a handicapped space and earmarking the use of such funds for the care and  
9 rehabilitation of persons with brain and spinal cord injuries is one which is worthy of study.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
11 there is created the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Study Committee to be composed of five  
12 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of  
14 the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
16 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions  
17 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
18 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
19 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
20 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
21 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative  
22 committees but shall receive the same for not more than ten days unless additional days are  
23 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
24 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee

25 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed  
26 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2012. The  
27 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2012.