

Senate Resolution 1242

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st and Williams of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on the Horse Racing Industry; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has significant amounts of pastureland and facilities that
3 would allow for the breeding, raising, training, and stabling 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 breeding, raising, and quartering of horses and the possibility of pari-mutuel
9 wagering and training and racing horses at tracks in this state; and

10 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives studied the issues of horse racing and pari-mutuel
11 betting last year, but, due to certain limitations of time, the study committee was unable to
12 obtain the information necessary to fully complete its work; and

13 WHEREAS, the financial and other implications of such an expansion of Georgia's equine
14 industry deserve to be fully considered and studied.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
16 Study Committee on the Horse Racing Industry to be composed of six members. Three
17 members shall be members of the Senate, two members shall be citizens of the state, and one
18 member shall be an individual who is involved in the horse racing industry. Each member
19 shall be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall designate
20 one of the Senate members of the committee to be the chairperson of the committee. The
21 chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. In the event that the House of
22 Representatives has a similar study committee, the committee shall be authorized to conduct
23 meetings jointly with the House committee and to collaborate with the House committee in

24 studying the above issues and determining what actions or legislation should be
25 recommended.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the above
27 issues and recommend any actions or legislation that the committee deems necessary or
28 appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as
29 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,
30 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The
31 members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members
32 of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days
33 unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
34 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. The committee shall
35 publish a report of its findings and recommendations which may include suggestions for
36 proposed legislation. Such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2012. The
37 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2012.