

House Resolution 1977

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Riley of the 50th, McCall of the 30th, Burns of the 157th, Stephens of the 164th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 there is created the House Study Committee on the Horse Racing Industry to be composed
17 of six members. Three members shall be members of the House of Representatives, two
18 members shall be citizens of the state, and one member shall be an individual who is
19 involved in the horse racing industry. Each member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
20 House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate one of the House members of the
21 committee to be the chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings
22 of the committee. In the event that the Senate has a similar study committee, the committee
23 shall be authorized to conduct meetings jointly with the Senate committee and to collaborate

24 with the Senate committee in studying the above issues and determining what actions or
25 legislation should be 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 House of Representatives. The
35 committee shall publish a report of its findings and recommendations which may include
36 suggestions for proposed legislation. Such report shall be made on or before
37 December 31, 2012. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2012.