

Senate Resolution 1253

By: Senators Staton of the 18th and Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Retail Dealers of Distilled Spirits Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has imposed a limitation on the number of retail dealer
4 licenses for the sale of distilled spirits to prevent a person and his or her immediate family
5 members from possessing or having a beneficial interest in more than two such licenses; and

6 WHEREAS, this limitation is in restraint of trade and serves no useful purpose; and

7 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia may benefit from permitting additional ownership
8 opportunities of such businesses in this state; and

9 WHEREAS, the financial and other implications of an expansion of such licensing and
10 whether such limitation serves the public good deserve to be fully considered and studied.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
12 Retail Dealers of Distilled Spirits Study Committee to be composed of six members. The
13 committee shall be comprised of the Senate President Pro Tempore, the Senate majority
14 leader, the Senate majority whip, the chairperson of the Senate Economic Development
15 Committee, and two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate. The
16 Senate majority whip shall be the chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call
17 all meetings of the committee.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the above
19 issues and recommend any actions or legislation that the committee deems necessary or
20 appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as
21 it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers,
22 perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The
23 members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members

24 of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more than eight days
25 unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
26 resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. The committee shall
27 publish a report of its findings and recommendations which may include suggestions for
28 proposed legislation. Such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2012. The
29 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2012.