

Senate Resolution 427

By: Senators Murphy of the 27th, Shafer of the 48th and Staton of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Brewpubs and Alcoholic Beverage Tastings; and
- 2 for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the manufacture, sale, and possession of alcohol in Georgia is subject to a
- 4 myriad of complex laws and regulations; and
- 5 WHEREAS, proposals have been advanced from time to time to revise these laws as they
- 6 pertain to brewpubs and to permit certain licensees to conduct tastings of alcoholic
- 7 beverages; and
- 8 WHEREAS, such proposals have included a departure in one way or another from the
- 9 three-tier distribution system of alcoholic beverages that has been in effect in this state since
- 10 the end of prohibition; and
- 11 WHEREAS, any such revision of the alcohol laws requires thorough study to ensure that the
- 12 three-tier distribution system is further reviewed, that competition is not unfairly thwarted,
- 13 and that the public health and safety are not unnecessarily jeopardized.
- 14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
- 15 Study Committee on Brewpubs and Alcoholic Beverage Tastings to be composed of five
- 16 members of the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee to be appointed by the
- 17 Senate Committee on Assignments. The Senate Committee on Assignments shall designate
- 18 a chairperson from among the appointees. The committee shall meet at the call of the
- 19 chairperson.
- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the issues
- 21 surrounding the manufacture, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages as they relate to
- 22 brewpubs and the conducting of tastings of alcoholic beverages by licensees, as well as the
- 23 conditions, needs, and problems mentioned above or related thereto, and recommend any
- 24 actions or legislation that the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee

25 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
26 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
27 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
28 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
29 committees from the funds appropriated to the Senate but shall receive the same for not more
30 than three days unless additional days are authorized. In the event the committee makes a
31 report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any,
32 such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2013. The committee shall stand
33 abolished on December 31, 2013.