

House Resolution 549

By: Representatives Rynders of the 152nd, England of the 116th, Meadows of the 5th, Jones of the 47th, and O`Neal of the 146th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Professional Licensing Boards; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, professional licensing boards provide a public assurance that certain
4 occupations are performed by appropriately trained professionals; and

5 WHEREAS, such boards ensure the rigor of education in professions that affect public safety
6 and can promote best practices in regulated professions; and

7 WHEREAS, licensing of occupations provides a structure for enforcing the standards and
8 integrity of the members of a profession; and

9 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to review the existing structure of licensing boards in
10 Georgia to determine whether such structure:

11 (1) Is streamlined, optimizes efficiencies of scale, and provides for the appropriate state
12 entity or entities to oversee licensing boards;

13 (2) Provides adequate staffing needs;

14 (3) Includes available, affordable technologies for faster, more reliable electronic record
15 keeping;

16 (4) Currently assesses adequate licensing fees to support the direct and indirect costs to the
17 state for the various boards to provide such services; and

18 (5) Is effective and efficient relating to any matters associated with licensing professions
19 in this state.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 there is created the House Study Committee on Professional Licensing Boards to be
22 composed of seven members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker
23 of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee
24 as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the issues
26 raised herein. The committee shall recommend any actions or legislation which the
27 committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at
28 such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise
29 fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and
30 purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee shall receive the allowances
31 provided for by Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated but shall
32 receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are authorized. The
33 funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
34 appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of
35 its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such
36 report shall be made on or before December 1, 2013. The committee shall stand abolished
37 on December 1, 2013.