

Senate Resolution 958

By: Senator Shafer of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the enactment of a Regulation Freedom Amendment to the Constitution of the
2 United States by the United States Congress; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United States currently has more than 300 independent and executive
4 agencies, staffed by unelected officials, issuing thousands of rules and regulations each year
5 that frequently involve everyday lives of people throughout this state and the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, while federal rules and regulations often benefit the public, many people share
7 the concern that the increasing amount of rules and regulations has slowed economic growth
8 by increasing consumer and compliance costs and limiting job creation; and

9 WHEREAS, to address this issue, members of both houses of the United States Congress
10 have proposed the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act; while
11 the REINS Act passed the United States House of Representatives in 2011 and 2013, it has
12 not come to a vote in the United States Senate; and

13 WHEREAS, the newly developed Regulation Freedom Amendment provides another method
14 to ensure that regulatory agencies remain accountable to the citizenry of the United States
15 and encourage economic growth by reducing the costs associated with rules and regulations;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Regulation Freedom Amendment states, "Whenever one quarter of the
18 members of the U.S. House or the U.S. Senate transmit to the President their written
19 declaration of opposition to a proposed federal regulation, it shall require a majority vote of
20 the House and Senate to adopt that regulation"; and

21 WHEREAS, several state legislatures throughout the United States are considering the
22 Regulation Reform Amendment.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 request the United States Congress to enact a Regulation Freedom Amendment to the
25 Constitution of the United States.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
28 congressional delegation.