

House Resolution 1805

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on DUI Recidivism and Driver's License Suspensions
2 and Reinstatements; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, many repeat driving-under-the-influence offenders have serious alcohol
4 problems that make it difficult to curb their drinking and driving behaviors; and

5 WHEREAS, according to the National Traffic Highway Safety Administration, about
6 one-third of all drivers arrested or convicted of driving while intoxicated or driving under the
7 influence (DWI/DUI) of alcohol are repeat offenders; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia has established drug courts which involve the coordination of the
9 judiciary, prosecution, probation, defense bar, law enforcement, social services, mental
10 health, and the treatment community to intervene with chronic offenders to break the cycle
11 of substance abuse, addiction, and criminal activity; and

12 WHEREAS, many tools are available to decrease the likelihood that individuals charged with
13 driving under the influence will become a repeat offender, including intoximeters, ignition
14 interlock devices, and counseling programs; and

15 WHEREAS, it is vital that the General Assembly analyze any and all tools to aid in the
16 decrease of recidivism of driving under the influence.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 there is created the House Study Committee on DUI Recidivism and Driver's License
19 Suspensions and Reinstatements to be composed of five members of the House of
20 Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The
21 Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The
22 chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
24 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
25 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
26 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
27 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
28 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
29 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
30 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
31 authorized by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The funds necessary to carry out
32 the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of
33 Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
34 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
35 made on or before December 1, 2014. The committee shall stand abolished on December
36 1, 2014.