

House Resolution 1805 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on For-Hire Transportation Services; creating the
2 House Study Committee on DUI Recidivism and Driver's License Suspensions and
3 Reinstatements; and for other purposes.

4 **PART I.**

5 WHEREAS, for many years, limousine carriers have been regulated by the state and taxi
6 services have been regulated by local governments; and

7 WHEREAS, recently, other for-hire transportation services have come into this state and are
8 using different business models that do not fit well within either limousine carriers or taxi
9 services in the manner of service delivery, billing and payment, safety regulation, insurance,
10 and other areas which affect the people using such services; and

11 WHEREAS, these new forms of for-hire transportation services create challenges in
12 protecting the traveling public and ensuring the safety of persons using such forms of
13 transportation services; and

14 WHEREAS, these new forms of transportation services also give rise to a reexamination of
15 the manner in which government regulates existing forms of for-hire transportation services
16 and the manner in which sales and use taxes and regulatory fees are collected from such
17 entities; and

18 WHEREAS, in order to determine the best methods by which to ensure the safety of the
19 public, prevent illegal and unsafe practices, regulate such entities, and collect sales and use
20 taxes and other regulatory fees, it would be beneficial to study the current system and
21 emerging business models.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 there is created the House Study Committee on For-Hire Transportation Services to be
24 composed of five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
25 House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a
26 chairperson from among the appointees. The committee shall meet at the call of the
27 chairperson.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a comprehensive study
29 of the conditions, needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and
30 recommend any action or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee may conduct such meetings at such
32 places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully
33 and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes
34 of this resolution. The members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for
35 in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The allowances
36 authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more
37 than five days unless additional days are authorized by the Speaker of the House of
38 Representatives. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall
39 come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the
40 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
41 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 1, 2014. The
42 committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2014.

43 **PART II.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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