

The House Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security offers the following substitute to HR 744:

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Use of Drones; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia has experienced a dramatic increase in the use of drones in the past few
3 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the exciting new technology offers many excellent opportunities for citizens,
5 businesses, government, and law enforcement, but at the same time, it presents many
6 complex challenges concerning privacy, security, and individual rights; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the areas of concern include the use of law enforcement agencies in obtaining
8 evidence in criminal matters as well as in emergency conditions; the use of drones by state
9 and local governing authorities and agencies; flying drones over private property and over
10 the property with or without permission; the use of drones to photograph citizens in their
11 private lives; and flying drones over public property.
- 12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
- 13 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
14 on the Use of Drones.
- 15 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
16 House of Representatives, at least one of whom shall be from the minority party, to be
17 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the
19 committee.
- 20 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
21 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
22 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.
- 23 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
24 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

25 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
26 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

27 **(5) Allowances and funding.**

28 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided
29 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

30 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
31 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
32 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
33 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

34 **(6) Report.**

35 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
36 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the
37 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
38 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

39 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
40 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)
41 of this paragraph.

42 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
43 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
44 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
45 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

46 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
47 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
48 thereof.

49 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2015.