

Senate Resolution 908

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Electronic Driver's License Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, many states, including Georgia, now allow drivers to present electronic proof
3 of insurance; and
- 4 WHEREAS, last year, Iowa launched a pilot program which gives citizens an option to use
5 an electronic driver's license through a mobile app; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in today's digital age, the public desires access to important documents by
7 electronic means and the ability to use mobile devices for all their everyday tasks; and
- 8 WHEREAS, benefits to the state for providing citizens with an electronic driver's license
9 option include reduced costs, increased efficiency, reduction in wait times at local driver's
10 license offices, and fraud reduction; and
- 11 WHEREAS, electronic driver's licenses provide the same demographic and security detail
12 as a physical driver's license along with additional security features possible with smart
13 phone technology, such as fingerprinting and face recognition options; and
- 14 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for the General Assembly to study the feasibility of
15 electronic driver's licenses, including the cost and resources required, advantages and
16 disadvantages, privacy and security issues, and practical use by law enforcement.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:
- 18 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Electronic
19 Driver's License Study Committee.
- 20 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
21 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a
22 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

23 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
24 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
25 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate

26 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
27 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
28 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
29 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

30 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive
31 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
32 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
33 member of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized.
34 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
35 appropriated to the Senate.

36 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

48 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary
49 of the Senate copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

50 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2016.