

House Resolution 1475

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Modified Exhaust Systems on Motor Vehicles; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, noise generated by modified exhaust systems on motor vehicles is detrimental  
4 to an individual's health such that regulation of such systems is necessary; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia law makes it unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale a muffler  
6 that causes "excessive or unusual noise," among other requirements; and

7 WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies of this state report that such agencies are not able to  
8 enforce Georgia law with respect to modified exhaust systems on motor vehicles because  
9 "excessive or unusual noise" is not defined in the Code; and

10 WHEREAS, the current legal framework needs to be updated to clarify the legal standards  
11 applicable to modified exhaust systems on motor vehicles to ensure the enforceability of such  
12 provisions; and

13 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to undertake a comprehensive review of Georgia law in  
14 order to clarify definitions and evaluate effectiveness of current penalties relating to modified

15 exhaust systems and whether entities providing vehicle modifying services should also be  
16 held accountable for excessive noise; and

17 WHEREAS, study of other states' enforcement mechanisms should be undertaken to consider  
18 modifications to Georgia law to allow the use of handheld decibel meters by state and local  
19 law enforcement agencies.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
21 GEORGIA:

22 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on  
23 Modified Exhaust Systems on Motor Vehicles.

24 (2) **Members and officers.**

25 (A) The committee shall be composed of seven members.

26 (B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members of the  
27 House of Representatives as members of the committee. The Speaker shall designate  
28 one such member as a cochairperson of the committee.

29 (C) The President of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate as members  
30 of the committee. The President shall designate one such member as a cochairperson  
31 of the committee.

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

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

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

45 (6) **Report.**

46 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that  
47 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the  
48 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to  
49 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

50 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for  
51 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to  
52 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

53 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
54 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.  
55 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed  
56 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate.

57 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the Clerk  
58 of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate copies of the minutes  
59 of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

60 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2026.