

House Resolution 1576

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Rogers of the 29th, Smith of the 134th, Harden of the 148th, Dunahoo of the 30th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Pricing of Prescription Drugs; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the cost of certain prescription drugs has risen sharply in past years; and

4 WHEREAS, the cost of prescription drugs may prevent their use by many Georgians and
5 Americans; and

6 WHEREAS, prescription drugs provide treatment for our nation's most vulnerable patient
7 populations; and

8 WHEREAS, many prescription drugs are typically expensive treatments that require special
9 handling or administration; and

10 WHEREAS, the cost of established drugs has risen at a rate much faster than the cost of
11 living; and

12 WHEREAS, Americans pay more for prescription drugs than citizens of other countries.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

14 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
15 on the Pricing of Prescription Drugs.

16 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
17 House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the
18 members, at least one of whom shall be a member of the minority party. The Speaker
19 shall designate one of such members as chairperson. The committee may elect other
20 officers as deemed necessary.

21 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
22 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or

23 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The chairperson may
24 designate and appoint subcommittees from among the membership of the committee and
25 may also appoint other persons to perform such functions as he or she may determine to
26 be necessary as relevant to and consistent with this resolution.

27 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
28 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
29 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
30 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The chairperson shall only
31 vote to break a tie. A quorum for transacting business shall be a majority of the members
32 of the committee.

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

39 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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