

House Resolution 1164

By: Representatives McCall of the 33rd, Watson of the 172nd, Dickey of the 140th, Pirkle of the 155th, and Corbett of the 174th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Encouraging the Georgia Department of Public Safety to be attentive to the needs of
2 livestock in transport while enforcing transportation laws and providing for the existing
3 exemptions afforded to livestock haulers; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, agriculture is the largest sector of Georgia's economy, contributing over \$74
5 billion to the state's economy annually; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the transport of goods from the farm gate to the marketplace is an essential and
7 costly endeavor carried out in large part by Georgia farms and producers; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Georgia livestock and animal producers generate over \$5 billion in farm gate
9 value; and
- 10 WHEREAS, livestock haulers have a challenging task of ensuring motorist safety while also
11 maximizing the health and welfare of the animals in transport; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the health and well-being of their livestock are of the utmost importance to
13 every farmer and rancher; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation rules mandating electronic
15 logging devices and establishing strict hours of service limitations provide additional burdens
16 on livestock haulers; and
- 17 WHEREAS, certain exemptions for livestock haulers exist in current United States
18 Department of Transportation regulations; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Public Safety is tasked with enforcing both federal
20 and state transportation laws on Georgia highways; and

21 WHEREAS, these requirements may force small business owners out of the marketplace
22 while having the unintended impact of decreasing driver safety and jeopardizing the
23 well-being of livestock in transport.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body encourage the Georgia Department of Public Safety to be attentive
26 to the needs of livestock in transport while enforcing transportation laws and providing for
27 the existing exemptions afforded to livestock haulers.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 public and the press.