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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There are estimated to be 73,900,000 dogs in the
3 United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Polls have shown that 69% of Americans consider
5 their pets to be members of their family; and

6 WHEREAS, Research has shown that dog companions enhance
7 human health; and

8 WHEREAS, Breed discrimination by insurance companies is
9 reportedly on the rise in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Illinois homeowners have been forced to make the
11 choice between obtaining homeowner's insurance or keeping
12 their dog; and

13 WHEREAS, It is in the public's interest that dog owners be
14 able to purchase homeowner's insurance; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Dog Owners and
17 Homeowner's Insurance Advisory Committee is hereby created to
18 study breed discrimination and homeowner's insurance
19 availability; the Committee shall be made up of 13 members as

1 follows: 3 persons designated by the President of the Senate, 3
2 persons designated by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one
3 person designated by the Director of the Division of Insurance
4 of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional
5 Regulation, 2 representatives designated by the Illinois
6 Insurance Association, one representative designated by the
7 American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, one
8 representative designated by the Humane Society of the United
9 States, one representative designated by the Illinois
10 Federation of Humane Societies, and one representative
11 designated by the Illinois State Veterinary Medical
12 Association; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Advisory Committee shall hold one
14 meeting in Cook County and one meeting in Southern Illinois and
15 shall report its findings to the General Assembly on or before
16 December 1, 2007; after the Committee reports its findings, it
17 is dissolved; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader
20 of the Senate, and the Secretary of the Department of Financial
21 and Professional Regulation.