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3 By Senators Coleman, Dunn, Little (Z), Denton, Mitchell,
4 Little (T), Figures, Beason, Marsh, Brooks, French, Sanford,
5 Orr, Dixon, Waggoner, Erwin, Glover, Smith, Bedford, Ross, and
6 Poole
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8 CREATING AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE SAFE
9 DISPOSAL OF HOME GENERATED SHARPS.

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11 WHEREAS, each year, more than 3 billion medical
12 sharps are used by individuals in their homes; and

13 WHEREAS, typically, these medical sharps are put
14 into the household trash; and

15 WHEREAS, placing sharps in household trash creates a
16 health hazard for other members of the family and sanitation
17 workers; and

18 WHEREAS, public awareness and education about the
19 safe disposal of home generated sharps will improve the public
20 health and safety of Alabama residents; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Department of
23 Public Health, Alabama Department of Environmental Management,
24 Association of County Commissioners of Alabama League of
25 Municipalities, Alabama Medical Association, Alabama Pharmacy
26 Association, Home Health Care Association of Alabama, American

1 Diabetes Association, and Alabama Pharmacy Association are
2 encouraged and requested to work together in a collaborative
3 effort in order to educate the public and create awareness
4 regarding the safe disposal of home generated medical sharps.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge local
6 pharmacies to make these materials available to customers upon
7 purchase of sharps and that they add the legend, "Do Not
8 Recycle," on the outside of any box or container, to the
9 pharmacist's notes and warning about the drug.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge any solid waste
11 transportation and disposal service, whether public or
12 private, which picks up solid waste from a residence to
13 provide educational information to its customers at least once
14 per quarter.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby direct the
16 Department of Public Health to display and make available
17 materials educating the public about the safe disposal of home
18 generated medical sharps in all county public health
19 departments throughout the state.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby direct the
21 Department of Environmental Management to collaborate with
22 licensed medical waste collectors to educate the public or
23 disseminate information through the Department's medical waste
24 program.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge the Home Health
26 Care Association of Alabama to make these materials available

1 to all members of the Association and encourage annual
2 distribution to clients.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge the American
4 Diabetes Association of Alabama to make these materials
5 available to all members annually.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge each entity
7 named in this resolution to make a copy of these materials
8 available on its website in order to inform all Alabamians
9 about the dangers of disposing of sharps in medical waste.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby ask and
11 encourage the foregoing entities to complete the foregoing
12 tasks no later than January 1, 2011.