

2018 Legislative Session - Georgia General Assembly

Bill #	Topic	Introduced by:	Comments
HB150	State Road and Tollway Authority; failure to pay tolls; place hold on motor vehicle registration	Representative Alan Powell	Relative to setoff debt collection by the Department of Revenue, respectively, so as to provide for the placement of a hold on motor vehicle registration upon failure to pay proper tolls and administrative fees; to provide for setoff of such debt owed from tax refunds by the Department of Revenue..." The Bill was amended on the Senate Floor last year to include the excise tax tied to the CPI. It was sent back to the House for an Agree/Disagree. Status: Referred to Transportation Committee, Passed Committee by Substitute, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Transportation Committee, Passed Committee by Substitute, Pending Rules Committee, Senate Calendar, Senate Tabled, Passed Senate by Substitute, Sent to the House, House agrees, On to the Governor. Signed by Governor Deal May 3, 2018. Note: The Senate Substitute includes extending the sunset of the CPI tied to the gasoline excise tax rate to 2022.
HB658	Hotel/Motel Excise Tax Sunset	Representatives Earl Ehrhart and John Carson	Relative to remove the sunset date for the time during which a certain excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations may be collected; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes..." Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Finance Committee, Passed Committee by Substitute, Pending Rules Committee, Passed Senate, House agreed to Senate Committee Substitute, On to the Governor. Governor Deal Signed May 3, 2018.
HB673	Safe Driving Bill / Distracted Driver	Representative John Carson	Relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to prohibit actions which distract a driver while operating a motor vehicle; to provide for the proper and safe use of wireless telecommunications devices while driving..." Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Judiciary Committee, Committee held hearing only. Passed Committee, Pending Rules Committee, Passed Senate with Committee. Substitute and floor amendment, House agrees to the Senate, On to the Governor. Signed by Governor Deal May 2, 2018.
HB876	Buildings and housing; counties and municipalities proscribing the use of wood in the construction of certain buildings when state minimum standard codes are met; prohibit	John Corbett	Ready mix concrete opposes. Not good for our industry. HB 876 passed the House a moment ago 125 to 43. Some debate on it, but all our leadership folks supported it. Proposed an amendment that would allow the cities that currently discriminate against wood to keep their ordinances but prohibit any other cities from adopting such ordinance. John Corbett did not approve of the amendment, and the bill passed without it. Passed House, Sent to Senate, Passed Senate Agriculture Committee, Pending Senate Rules Committee, On the Senate Rules Calendar for a vote Monday, March 19th, Passed Senate, On to the Governor. Governor Deal signed May 8, 2018.
HB930	Georgia Regional Transportation Authority; creation of certain community improvement districts; provisions	Representative Kevin Tanner	Relating to provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, revenue and taxation, and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority; to amend Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to mass transportation, so as to provide for a new article; to create a special district in Cobb County for purposes of entering a rapid transit contract with the authority; to repeal Code Section 36-1-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to referendum approval required prior to expenditure of public funds for establishment of fixed guideway transit; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Transportation Committee, Passed Committee, Pending Rules Committee. Passed Senate, Going to Conference Committee. (Conferees: Gooch, Lucas, Beach, Tanner, Jan Jones, Smyre) Conference Committee, House & Senate Passed Conference Committee Report, On to the Governor. Governor Deal Signed May 3, 2018.
HR993	Georgia to create a "Business Court"	Representatives- Chuck Efstoration, Christian Coomer, Terry Rogers, Wendell Williard, Trey Rhodes, Barry Fleming	A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to create a business court with state-wide jurisdiction; to provide for venue and uniformity of jurisdiction and powers; to provide for selection, terms, and qualifications of business court judges; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; to provide for related matters; and for other purposes. Passed House, Sent to Senate, Pending Judiciary Committee, Committee Held Hearing Only. Passed the House and Senate and will be on the November general election ballot.
SB319	Establish Department of Fire Safety	Senator John Albers	Sen. John Albers has introduced SB 319 to move all fire safety oversight to a new Department of Fire Safety. Mathews and Maxwell will be surprised if the legislature grows state government by creating a new state agency, but we will monitor it to make sure it does not make any changes to our blasting regulations. UPDATE: consolidation of fire safety services passed unanimously out of the Public Safety Committee with little/no discussion today. SB 319 passed the Senate with a vote of 49 - 3. Pending House Insurance Committee, Passed Committee with substitute, Passed House, Senate disagreed to House Substitute. DEAD. NOTE: Language creating Department of Fire Safety put into HB 149. HB 149 passed both House and Senate , but it died on the 40th day.
SB386	Sales and Use Taxes	Senator Brandon Beach, Senator Bill Cowsert, Senator Steve Gooch, Senator Jeff Mullis, Senator Butch Miller	This bill proposes a TSPLOST in certain districts and to create the Atlanta-region Transit Link "ATL." "Sales and Use Taxes; exception to the ceiling on local sales and use taxes; transit special purpose local option sales and use tax; provide; Atlanta-region Transit Link "ATL" Commission. SB386 passed Passed on 2/28 with a vote of 51 to 4, Sent to House, Passed Transportation Committee, Pending Rules Committee. DEAD. NOTE: The House and Senate passed HB 930, the House companion bill.