

# 2017 Legislative Update Week 10

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Welcome to the HBAG Legislative Update for Week 10 of the Georgia General Assembly's 2017 Legislative Session. Week 10 contained four legislative days, which means we're already through day 35 of 40. The legislature took up several key bills this week including the Senate approving their version of the state budget and House passage of the craft-beer bill. Bills on HBAG's tracking sheet which saw movement this week include:

- [HB 39](#) - [Rep. Alan Powell \(R-Hartwell\)](#) - changes the way the real estate commission treats disciplinary actions for not reporting an out of state legal infraction - **SUPPORT** - *passed* Senate, awaits the Governor's signature
- [HB 41](#) - [Rep. Brett Harrell \(R-Snellville\)](#) - streamlines the qualification process for aspiring architects, allowing students to begin working towards certification - **MONITOR** - *passed* Senate, awaits the Governor's signature
- [HB 87](#) - [Rep. Brad Raffensperger \(R-Johns Creek\)](#) - provides for the annual registration for corporations with the Secretary of State to be valid for up to 3 years at a time - **SUPPORT** - *passed* Senate Economic Development & Tourism committee, waiting in Rules committee
- [HB 192](#) - [Rep. Beth Beskin \(R-Atlanta\)](#) - provides protections to corporate boards from punitive judgements resulting from a new interpretation of the standard of negligence - **SUPPORT** - *passed* Senate Banking & Financial Institutions committee, waiting in Rules committee
- [HB 285](#) - [Rep. David Knight \(R-Griffin\)](#) - requires tax assessors to consider the effects of regulatory costs and income tax credits when determining fair market value - **MONITOR** - *tabled* in Senate Finance committee, meetings scheduled for Tuesday (3/21) and Thursday (3/23)
- [HR 362](#) - [Rep. Lynn Smith \(R-Newnan\)](#) - (companion bill to [SR 152](#)) - creates the Joint Study Committee on Stream Buffers in Georgia - **MONITOR** - *passed* Senate Natural Resources & Environment committee, waiting in Rules committee
- [SB 2](#) - [Sen. Mike Dugan \(R-Carrollton\)](#) - "The FAST Act" - places business-minded reforms on state and local government permitting, professional licenses, transparency regarding the "business-friendliness" of a local government, and all regulations up for adoption - **SUPPORT** - *discussed* in "hearing only" House Small Business Development committee, new substitute version to be discussed in Tuesday 3/21 House SBD committee
- [SR 152](#) - [Sen. Frank Ginn \(R-Danielsville\)](#) - creates the Joint Study Committee on Stream Buffers in Georgia - **MONITOR** - *passed* House, awaits the Governor's signature
- [SR 224](#) - [Sen. Frank Ginn \(R-Danielsville\)](#) - creates the Joint Study Committee on Storm-Water Management Fees - **MONITOR** - *passed* House, awaits the Governor's signature

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GAC did not meet this week but will meet next week - **Thursday March 23 at 11:00 am** at the HBAG office in Atlanta. A meeting notice with an agenda, tracking sheet, and last meeting's minutes will be forthcoming.