

2017 Legislative Update Week 11

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Welcome to the HBAG Legislative Update for Week 11 of the Georgia General Assembly's 2017 Legislative Session. Week 11 contained three legislative days, which means we're already through day 38 of 40. The legislature gave final approval to the state budget for FY '18 on Wednesday. Issues like fixing failing schools and "destination resorts" (read: *casinos*) were also discussed in Week 11. Week 12 will include legislative days 39 and 40, and the legislature will adjourn "sine die" late in the night on Thursday March 30. Bills on HBAG's tracking sheet which saw movement in Week 11 include:

- [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, awaiting the Governor's signature
- [HB 203](#) - [Rep. Brian Strickland \(R-McDonough\)](#) - new procedures for home owners associations to expand their scope and take control from delinquent developers - **MONITOR** - **passed** Senate Judiciary committee, waiting in Rules committee
- [HB 271](#) - [Rep. Jesse Petrea \(R-Savannah\)](#) - provides new definitions and procedures to EPD for shoreline protection - **MONITOR** - **stuck** in Senate Natural Resources committee, will be revisited in 2018 session
- [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** - **passed** Senate Finance 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 Tuesday 3/21 House Small Business Development committee, substitute version to be entered in Monday 3/27 House SBD committee

GAC met at the HBAG office in Atlanta on Thursday March 23 and took a position on one new bill:

- [HR 626](#) - [Rep. Sam Teasley \(R-Marietta\)](#) - creates the House Study Committee on Property Owners' Associations, Homeowners' Associations, and Condominium Associations - **MONITOR**

The Home Builders Association of Georgia is represented at the state capitol by Government Affairs Director Austin Hackney. Please contact Austin at ahackney@hbag.org or 404-660-0933 with any questions or concerns about the legislature and HBAG's Government Affairs Committee.

Due to Legislative Day 40 occurring on Thursday, GAC will not meet this week. Stay tuned for a meeting notice for the wrap-up meeting to review the 2017 Legislative Session.