

# 2017 Legislative Update Week 9

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Welcome to the HBAG Legislative Update for Week 9 of the Georgia General Assembly's 2017 Legislative Session. Week 9 contained four legislative days, which means we're already through day 31 of 40. The rush of Crossover Day is behind us and now we can focus on a smaller pool of bills which have a chance at making it through the legislative process. The legislature still has to pass a budget for FY 18 and there are plenty of issues left to debate. Bills on HBAG's tracking sheet which survived Crossover Day 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 Regulated Industries & Utilities committee*
- [HB 41](#) - [Rep. Brett Harrell \(R-Snellville\)](#) - streamlines the qualification process for aspiring architects, allowing students to begin working towards certification - **MONITOR** - *passed Senate Regulated Industries & Utilities committee*
- [HB 59](#) - [Rep. Ron Stephens \(R-Savannah\)](#) - removes the cap on tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures and allows for those tax credits to be sold on the secondary market - **MONITOR**
- [HB 76](#) - [Rep. Rick Jasperse \(R-Jasper\)](#) - a rewrite of last year's update for the filing of maps and plats by surveyors to the county clerks, to allow for electronic filing, etc - **SUPPORT**
- [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**
- [HB 183](#) - [Rep. Robert Dickey \(R-Musella\)](#) - re-establishes the Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council - **MONITOR** - *passed Senate, awaiting the Governor's signature*
- [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**
- [HB 203](#) - [Rep. Brian Strickland \(R-McDonough\)](#) - new procedures for home owners associations to expand their scope and take control from delinquent developers - **MONITOR**
- [HB 204](#) - [Rep. Brett Harrell \(R-Snellville\)](#) - prohibits local governments from including fees for services on a property tax bill - **SUPPORT**
- [HB 271](#) - [Rep. Jesse Petrea \(R-Savannah\)](#) - provides new definitions and procedures to EPD for shoreline protection - **MONITOR**
- [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**
- [HR 362](#) - [Rep. Lynn Smith \(R-Newnan\)](#) - (companion bill to [SR 152](#)) - creates the Joint Study Committee on Stream Buffers in Georgia - **MONITOR**
- [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**
- [SR 152](#) - [Sen. Frank Ginn \(R-Danielsville\)](#) - creates the Joint Study Committee on Stream Buffers in Georgia - **MONITOR** - *passed House Natural Resources & Environment committee*
- [SR 224](#) - [Sen. Frank Ginn \(R-Danielsville\)](#) - creates the Joint Study Committee on Storm-Water Management Fees - **MONITOR** - *passed House Natural Resources & Environment committee*

GAC met at the HBAG office in Atlanta on Thursday and reviewed all the above and took a position on one new bill, which didn't make it through Crossover Day:

- [HB 512](#) - [Rep. Regina Quick \(R-Athens\)](#) - (companion to [SB 116](#)) - properties built to 'water-neutral' standard will not be subject to stormwater collection and disposal fees - **MONITOR**

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GAC will meet next week - **Thursday March 16 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.