

2016 Legislative Update Week 3

Monday January 25 - Thursday January 28

Legislative Days 9 - 12

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Week Three of the Georgia General Assembly saw little action on the chamber floors - but plenty of new bills placed in the hopper. The House passed their mid-year budget which contains an additional \$1.2B in spending. The increase includes \$758M for roads and bridges and \$109M to account for student enrollment growth in Georgia's public schools. Our first HBAG Government Affairs Committee (GAC) meeting was held on Thursday January 28. The committee heard updates on our Aesthetic Zoning Regulations and Tree Ordinance Legislation initiatives. GAC also took the following positions:

OPPOSE:

- **HB 785** - [Rep. Mike Dudgeon \(R-Johns Creek\)](#) - "townships" House bill
- **HR 1051** - [Rep. Mike Dudgeon \(R-Johns Creek\)](#) - "townships" Constitutional Amendment
- **SB 272** - [Sen. William Ligon Jr \(R-Brunswick\)](#) - "townships" Senate bill
- **SR 724** - [Sen. William Ligon Jr \(R-Brunswick\)](#) - "townships" Constitutional Amendment
- **HR 864** - [Rep. Mike Dudgeon \(R-Johns Creek\)](#) - "school buildings" development impact fee constitutional amendment resolution
- **HR 1017** - [Rep. Mike Dudgeon \(R-Johns Creek\)](#) - "school buildings" development impact fee constitutional amendment resolution
- **SR 624** - [Sen. Michael Williams \(R-Cumming\)](#) - "school buildings" development impact fee Constitutional Amendment resolution

MONITOR:

- **HB 593** - [Rep. Lee Hawkins \(R-Gainesville\)](#) - low-voltage contractor license - additional CE requirements
- **HB 809** - [Rep. Spencer Frye \(D-Athens\)](#) - ad valorem tax exemption for homes for the physically disabled
- **HB 836** - [Rep. Amy Carter \(R-Valdosta\)](#) - sales tax exemption for charity construction materials

REMINDER: HBAG's Legislative Rally and Winter Board Meeting will take place at the state capitol in Atlanta on Tuesday February 16. Please visit www.HBAG.org to register for this event. Take the time now to contact your legislators and set an appointment.

GAC will meet *Thursday February 4th at 11:00 am* at the HBAG office in Atlanta.