

2016 Legislative Update Week 6

Tuesday February 16 - Friday February 19

Legislative Days 21, 22, 23, 24

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I'd like to start this week's update by thanking everyone involved in our 2016 Legislative Rally who made it such a great success. Home Builder members came in from all corners of the state to meet their legislators and lobby our issues. We were welcomed to the Capitol Tuesday morning by Representative Howard Maxwell, Chairman of the House Regulated Industries Committee. The group commemorated the occasion by taking a photo with Governor Nathan Deal. We then got to work by pulling our legislators out of their respective chambers and out to the hallway to discuss the issues facing the residential construction industry. A Chick-fil-a lunch was served to legislators and their staff and offered yet another opportunity for fellowship and positive conversation. We got great feedback from legislators and HBAG members alike for the delicious lunch and the information exchanged. I hope those members who participated this year will spread the message to their local HBA so we get an even bigger crowd in 2017.



GAC did not meet this week, but many new bills were entered and will be discussed at the next GAC meeting ([Thursday February 25 11:00 am at the HBAG office in Atlanta](#)). Topics for discussion will include citations for local property maintenance violations ([HB 1025/HB 1026](#)), cash payments for metal recyclers ([HB 996](#)), and resolutions encouraging the federal EPA to discard their "waters of the U.S." ruling ([HR 1343/SR 1018](#)), among others.