

2016 Legislative Update Week 8

Monday February 29 - Friday March 4

Legislative Days 30 and 31

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Crossover Day was the highlight of Week Eight of the Georgia General Assembly. Bills that passed their respective chambers will be eligible for passage into law. Significant issues facing the General Assembly such as the Religious Freedom bill and the Campus Carry bill are currently being debated in Committee.

Bills on HBAG's GAC Tracking Sheet which saw movement are:

- [HB 364](#) - [Rep. David Knight \(R-Griffin\)](#): This bill allows taxpayers to appeal directly to the Georgia Tax Tribunal when the Revenue Commissioner has determined their property is being taxed unlawfully by their local government. This bill *passed* the House on Crossover Day.
- [HB 471](#) - [Rep. Ron Stephens \(R-Savannah\)](#): This bill allows equipment rental companies to line-item charge a 1.5% "property tax recovery fee" to cover the cost of the property tax on their inventory. This bill *passed* the House on Crossover Day.
- [HB 952](#) - [Rep. Chad Nimmer \(R-Blackshear\)](#): This bill protects members of the Residential Contractor Licensing Board from anti-trust lawsuits by adding "executive oversight" to the state code regulating the SoS Licensing Boards. The substitute bill, which *passed* the House on Day 29, made the Secretary of State that executive oversight, rather than the Governor.
- [HB 1004](#) - [Rep. Rick Jasperse \(R-Jasper\)](#): This bill rewrites the code section regulating surveyors allowing for more electronic submissions of mapping and platting and providing for sanctions on violators. This bill *passed* the House on Crossover Day. GAC changed positions on this bill from **MONITOR** to **SUPPORT**.
- [HB 1025](#) - [Rep. Tom Taylor \(R-Dunwoody\)](#): This bill allows for local ordinance violation citations to be "tacked and mailed". This bill *passed* the House on Crossover Day.

GAC took positions on several new bills at the 3/3 GAC Meeting:

- [HB 828](#) - [Rep. Virgil Fludd \(D-Tyrone\)](#): This bill would provide a job tax credit of \$2500 for each qualified parolee hired between 2017 and 2020. This bill passed the House on Crossover Day. GAC voted to **SUPPORT**.
- [HR 1527](#) - [Rep. Don Parsons \(R-Marietta\)](#): This resolution urges Congress to pass the Regulation Freedom Amendment to the US Constitution. GAC voted to **SUPPORT**.
- [SB 422](#) - [Sen. JaNice VanNess \(R-Conyers\)](#): This bill provides for penalties on owners of vacant properties. The bill missed the Crossover Day deadline. GAC voted to **MONITOR** the bill.
- [SR 1084](#) - [Sen. JaNice VanNess \(R-Conyers\)](#): This resolution sets up a Senate Study Committee on Vacant Structures. GAC voted to **MONITOR**.

GAC will meet Thursday March 10 at 11:00 am at the HBAG office in Atlanta.