

**Georgia Assn. of Health Underwriters- Weekly report, February 14-18**

The Legislature completed days 14, 15, and 16 this week.

There were a few hearings and votes of interest this week. Highlights include:

**HB 167-** Steve Davis' prompt pay bill passed the Admin / Licensing subcommittee of the Insurance Committee. This bill will be heard in the full House Insurance Committee next week.

**HB 47-** Following two hearings, Matt Ramsey's across state lines bill passed the Life and health subcommittee of the Insurance Committee. This bill will be heard in the full Insurance Committee on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**These and other bills in the Insurance Committees can be found on the attached tracking sheet.**

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Laura Goss attended the House Insurance Committee subcommittee meetings this week. There was no meeting of the full Insurance Committee. The Senate Insurance Committee also did not meet this week.

We are keeping a close eye on the Special Council on Tax reform and it's action on the proposal to lower the premium tax. There has been no further report from the council than was revealed on January 7<sup>th</sup> ([http://fiscalresearch.gsu.edu/taxcouncil/downloads/FINAL\\_REPORT\\_Jan\\_7\\_2011.pdf](http://fiscalresearch.gsu.edu/taxcouncil/downloads/FINAL_REPORT_Jan_7_2011.pdf)). There have, however, been weekly meetings to further develop the final bill. The bill must be dropped before Day 30 of the Legislature.

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The Legislature will reconvene on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> for Day 17. They are planning to be in session on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week to complete day 19. The next House Insurance committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. and the Senate Insurance committee will be held on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00.