



Legislative Report – Week 6

This week Legislators met every day taking us to Day 29 – we are one day from Crossover Day! This important milestone marks the day that all bills must have passed one chamber in order to remain alive for the session. Legislators worked into the evenings each night in order to pass bills out of committees in time. Rules Committees were long with many legislators asking for their legislation to be placed on the debate calendars. It is not uncommon to be at the Capitol until midnight on Day 30, which will be on Monday.

Priority Legislation

HB 838 – (Representative Shaw Blackmon) A substitute provided that a 5% commission on regular enrollment small-group plans and they added to the bill a minimum of 4% on individual health benefit plans. The bill with the addition passed the committee unanimously. The bill passed the House and is now in the Senate Insurance and Labor Committee.

HB 866 – (Representative Shaw Blackmon) This bill exempts multiple employer self-insured health plans from premium taxes. The bill passed the House and is now in the Senate Insurance and Labor Committee.

HB 965 – (Representative Mike Cheokas) Titled the “Jimmy Carter Cancer Treatment Access Act,” this bill requires the appropriate level insurance coverage for patients with advanced metastatic, Stage Four cancer. It prohibits exclusion of a drug if approved by the FDA and the patient is not required to first fail another drug in a step therapy in order to access such drug. This bill passed the House and is now in the Senate Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 158 – (Senator Dean Burke) This bill regulates rental networks in Georgia by requiring them to register with the DOI. The bill passed the Senate and is now in the House Health Committee.

SB 302 – (Senator PK Martin) Requires carriers to maintain accurate provider directories. This bill has passed the Senate and is now in the House Insurance Committee.

SB 382 – (Senator Unterman) The “Surprise Billing and Consumer Protection Act.” The bill provides disclosure requirements of providers, hospitals and insurers. It also provides for billing and reimbursement of out-of-network services. It lays out procedures for dispute resolution for surprise bills and nonemergency services. This bill is not on the Day 30 calendar. Senator Unterman has indicated that she is focusing her efforts on a study committee (SR 974 - <http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20152016/SR/974>)

Schedule

Monday, February 29: Day 30
 Wednesday, March 2: Day 31
 Monday, March 7 – Tuesday, March 8: Days 32-33
 Thursday, March 10 – Friday, March 11: Days 34-35
 Monday, March 14 – Wednesday, March 16: Days 36-38
 Tuesday, March 22: Day 39
 Thursday, March 24: Day 40

Below you can find a tracking sheet with all the legislation we are following for the Session. You will also find a spreadsheet with the bills scheduled to be heard on Day 30. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Day 30 Calendar

Bill #	Title	Date	Status	Sponsor
HB 0012	Georgia Military Service Integrity and Preservation Act; enact	2/25/16 10:05	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Rogers, Terry 10th
HB 0171	Laws and statutes; revise provisions relating to effect and enforcement of foreign laws; provisions	2/18/16 16:46	House Committee Favorably Reported By	Hightower, Dustin 68th

Substitute				
HB 0364	Real estate transfer tax; change certain provisions	2/24/16 17:03	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Knight, David 130th
HB 0471	Ad valorem tax; heavy- duty vehicles; add a definition of certain vehicles	2/24/16 17:03	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Stephens, Ron 164th
HB 0513	Pleadings and motions; procedure for claims asserted against a person or entity arising from an act which could be construed as an act in furtherance of the right of free speech or right to petition government for redress of grievances; revise provisions	2/25/16 0:00	House - House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Stephens, Ron 164th
HB 0677	State government; casino gambling; provide limited number of licensed resort facilities; provisions	2/25/16 0:00	House - House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Stephens, Ron 164th
HB 0699	Local government; define a certain term; provisions	2/25/16 9:03	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Welch, Andrew 110th
HB 0722	Health; patient registry program for the use of medical cannabis; provide	2/25/16 0:00	House - House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Peake, Allen 141st
HB 0727	Fireworks; certain further regulations by counties and municipal	2/24/16 9:20	House Committee Favorably	Battles, Paul 15th

	corporations; provide		Reported By Substitute	
HB 0734	"Georgia Space Flight Act"; enact	2/24/16 11:20	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Spencer, Jason 180th
HB 0779	Crimes and offenses; regulate use of unmanned aircraft systems and images; provisions	2/25/16 0:00	House - House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Tanner, Kevin 9th
HB 0781	Local government; individuals appointed to authorities and boards be United States citizens; require	2/24/16 16:09	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Raffensperger, Brad 50th
HB 0825	"Protecting Military Children Act"; enact	2/23/16 10:18	House Committee Favorably Reported	Smith, Earnest 125th
HB 0828	Income tax credit; employers who hire certain qualified parolees for full-time jobs; create	2/24/16 17:03	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Fludd, Virgil 64th
HB 0868	State government; Georgia State Games Commission; eliminate	2/18/16 14:24	House Committee Favorably Reported	Rogers, Terry 10th
HB 0889	Professions and businesses; funeral establishments and crematories; authorize certain advertisements related to crematories and cremation services	2/24/16 9:20	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Kidd, E. Culver "Rusty" 145th
HB 0934	Human Services, Department of; website providing kinship caregivers with information and access to	2/22/16 16:00	House Committee Favorably Reported	Kirby, Tom 114th

	apply for public assistance benefits; provide			
HB 0935	Ad valorem tax; properties eligible for a freeport exemption; add certain fulfillment centers	2/23/16 10:18	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Harrell, Brett 106th
HB 0936	Income tax; wages necessary to qualify for a job tax credit; clarify certain terms	2/17/16 16:57	House Committee Favorably Reported	Harrell, Brett 106th
HB 0937	Sales and use tax; exemption for projects of regional significance; change sunset provision	2/17/16 16:57	House Committee Favorably Reported	Harrell, Brett 106th
HB 0976	State records management; minimum retention periods for video recordings from law enforcement devices on or inside a vehicle; provide	2/24/16 9:20	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Hitchens, Bill 161st
HB 0990	Alternative ad valorem tax; motor vehicles; change certain definitions	2/24/16 17:03	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Powell, Jay 171st
HB 1014	Income tax; exemption for donation of real property for conservation use; extend sunset date	2/24/16 17:03	House Committee Favorably Reported	Powell, Jay 171st
HB 1028	Natural Resources, Department of; Environmental Protection Division; provide notice to affected localities upon certain events relating to permitted solid or hazardous waste facilities	2/25/16 0:00	House - House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Werkheiser, Bill 157th
HB 1060	Crimes and offenses; carrying and possession of firearms; confirm that the right of the people to keep	2/24/16 9:20	House Committee Favorably Reported By	Jasperse, Rick 11th

	and bear arms shall not be infringed		Substitute	
HB 1066	Penal institutions; additional duties of commissioner of corrections; authorize chief of staff to issue warrants of an offender who has escaped	2/24/16 14:04	House Committee Favorably Reported	Powell, Alan 32nd
HB 1070	Domestic relations; adoption; permit the department to use certain information in the records concerning the adopted child's biological parents	2/25/16 17:43	House Committee Favorably Reported	Dempsey, Katie 13th
HR 0807	Casino resorts; local authorization of limited number of licensed resorts; provide - CA	2/25/16 0:00	House - House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Stephens, Ron 164th
SB 0006	"Georgia Road Safety and Driver's License Integrity Act"; provide persons who possess lawful alien status are only category of noncitizens	2/25/16 0:00	Senate - Senate Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	McKoon, Joshua 29th
SB 0077	DNA Sampling, Collection, and Analysis; provide for analysis and collection of DNA for individuals arrested and convicted of felony offenses	2/24/16 10:26	Senate Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Albers, John 56th
SB 0304	Criminal Records; allow for the preservation of a person's involuntary hospitalization information received by Georgia Crime Information	2/25/16 0:00	Senate - Senate Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Parent, Elena 42nd

SB 0328	Education; students who are subject to compulsory attendance shall not be assigned to alternative education program for more than two semesters	2/24/16 11:02	Senate Read Second Time	Jones, Emanuel 10th
SB 0336	Retirement; permit governing bodies of municipal corporations to enact plans by resolution in addition to ordinance	2/18/16 10:06	Senate Read Second Time	Black, Ellis 8th
SB 0346	%26quot;Environmental Policy Act%26quot;; exempt projects for construction/improvement of public roads from environmental effects reports	2/25/16 0:00	Senate - Senate Read Second Time	Beach, Brandon 21st
SB 0352	Selling and Other Trade Practices; provide consumer protection requirements for fantasy contest operators	2/24/16 11:02	Senate Read Second Time	Unterman, Renee 45th
SB 0355	%26quot;Student/Teacher Protection Act%26quot;; enact; end punitive testing consequences; related to federal, state, and locally mandated standardized assessments	2/25/16 0:00	Senate - Senate Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Ligon, Jr., William 3rd
SB 0357	Education; local board education members; revise provisions relating to standards	2/25/16 9:44	Senate Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Williams, Michael 27th
SB 0375	Municipal Corporations; provide certain requirements and standards for the incorporation of new municipal corporations	2/25/16 0:00	Senate - Senate Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Gooch, Steve 51st

SB 0385	Physicians; provide for certain requirements for advertisement or publication of representation of board certification by physicians	2/25/16 0:00	Senate - Senate Committee Favorably Reported	Hill, Judson 32nd
SB 0389	Social Services; temporary assistance for needy families; provide for exception to lifetime maximum assistance	2/25/16 0:00	Senate - Senate Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Hill, Hunter 6th
SB 0402	Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Programs; provide for a moratorium on the issuance of new licenses to narcotic treatment programs	2/25/16 0:00	Senate - Senate Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Mullis, Jeff 53rd
SB 0404	Public Safety Department; off-duty use of motor vehicles by certain law enforcement officers; revise provisions	2/24/16 11:02	Senate Read Second Time	Harper, Tyler 7th
SB 0409	Education; require every public school to post a sign containing toll-free telephone number; reports of child abuse or neglect	2/25/16 0:00	Senate - Senate Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	VanNess, JaNice 43rd
SB 0416	GBI; establish Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center; provide fusion center for sharing and analysis of homeland security activity information	2/25/16 0:00	Senate - Senate Committee Favorably Reported	Cowsert, Bill 46th
SB 0417	'Georgia Film and Television Trail Act'; create; provide definitions; purpose	2/25/16 9:44	Senate Committee Favorably Reported	Mullis, Jeff 53rd
SR 0756	Appropriations Acts; provide for prioritized funding requirements;	2/25/16 9:52	Senate Committee Favorably	Hill, Judson 32nd

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Tracking

Bill #	Title	Date	Status	Sponsor
HB 0034	Georgia Right to Try Act; enact	2/17/16 10:20	Senate Read and Referred	Dudgeon, Mike 25th
HB 0047	Prescription drugs; certain refills of topical ophthalmic products under certain conditions; authorize	2/12/15 10:04	Senate Read and Referred	Cooper, Sharon 43rd
HB 0193	Life Insurance Consumer Disclosure Model Act; enact	2/16/16 9:54	Senate Read and Referred	Rogers, Carl 29th
HB 0473	Insurance; pharmacy benefits manager owes a fiduciary duty to a covered entity; provide	2/26/15 11:23	House Second Readers	Knight, David 130th
HB 0501	Health care data system; authority of Department of Community Health to use existing systems in establishing and operating a state-wide health care data system; remove	3/2/15 10:13	House Second Readers	Stover, David 71st
HB 0694	Disclosure of Health Care Fees Act; enact	1/11/16 10:47	House Second Readers	Brockway, Buzz 102nd
HB 0703	Georgia Captive Insurance Company Act; enact	1/12/16 10:34	House Second Readers	Shaw, Jason 176th
HB 0776	Insurance; no health benefit plan shall refuse to pay or reimburse for a peroral endoscopic myotomy procedure; provide	1/21/16 10:21	House Second Readers	Beasley- Teague, Sharon 65th
HB 0783	Controlled substances; Schedules I and IV; change certain provisions	2/19/16 9:52	Senate Read and Referred	Broadrick, Bruce 4th

HB 0784	Insurance; advertising and promotional items not exceeding \$100 will not be considered an unfair trade practice; provide	2/23/16 10:02	Senate Read and Referred	Carson, John 46th
HB 0810	Health; imposition of costs for providing copies of health records; revise provisions	1/26/16 9:48	House Second Readers	Frye, Spencer 118th
HB 0823	%26quot;Expand Medicaid Now Act%26quot;; enact	1/26/16 9:48	House Second Readers	Abrams, Stacey 89th
HB 0826	Medical practice; physicians; provide for certain requirements for advertisement or publication of representations of board certification	2/19/16 9:52	Senate Read and Referred	Price, Betty 48th
HB 0838	Insurance; carriers that sell certain health plans through an agent shall compensate such agent a minimum of 5 percent of collected premiums; provide	2/25/16 0:00	Senate - Senate Read and Referred	Blackmon, Shaw 146th
HB 0866	Insurance; multiple employer self-insured health plans; exempt from premium taxes	2/10/16 10:13	Senate Read and Referred	Blackmon, Shaw 146th
HB 0875	Patient Access to Specialty Tier Drugs Act; enact	2/2/16 9:50	House Second Readers	Hawkins, Lee 27th
HB 0884	Insurance; company action level event to include a health organization with certain total adjusted capital levels; revise definition	2/17/16 10:20	Senate Read and Referred	Taylor, Darlene 173rd
HB 0886	Pharmacy licenses; employing mails or common carriers to sell, distribute, and deliver prescription drugs; revise a provision	2/22/16 10:05	Senate Read and Referred	Cooper, Sharon 43rd
HB 0900	Crimes and offenses; electronic data base of prescription information; authorize the retention of data base information for 2 years	2/24/16 10:38	Senate Read and Referred	Cooper, Sharon 43rd
HB 0965	The Honorable Jimmy Carter Cancer Treatment Access Act; enact	2/23/16 10:02	Senate Read and Referred	Cheokas, Mike 138th

HB 0971	Human Services, Department of; medical assistance and health insurance coverages to kinship caregivers and children in their care; provide	2/16/16 10:08	House Second Readers	Benton, Tommy 31st
HB 0975	Commerce and trade; assets and liabilities; provide certain updates to the standard valuation law	2/24/16 10:38	Senate Read and Referred	Shaw, Jason 176th
HB 0997	Income tax; deduction for certain physicians, nurses, and physician assistants; delete and create new credit	2/17/16 10:22	House Second Readers	Duncan, Geoff 26th
HB 1000	State employees' health insurance plan; annual independent audit of pharmacy benefits managers; provide	2/17/16 10:22	House Second Readers	Taylor, Darlene 173rd
HB 1017	"Georgia Civil Practice Act"; general provisions governing discovery; change provisions	2/25/16 0:00	House - House Committee Favorably Reported	Fleming, Barry 121st
HB 1095	"Patient Compensation Act"; enact	2/25/16 0:00	House - House First Readers	Cheokas, Mike 138th
HR 1054	House Study Committee on Policing and Mental Health; create	1/22/16 10:00	House Second Readers	Kendrick, Dar'shun 93rd
HR 1254	Medicaid care management organizations; cover certain attention deficit hyperactivity disorder medications; encourage	2/8/16 11:12	House Second Readers	Stephens, Mickey 165th
SB 0001	Insurance; provide for certain insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders	2/3/15 10:28	House Second Readers	Bethel, Charlie 54th
SB 0007	"Controlled Substances Therapeutic Relief Act"; repeal provisions; provide for medical use of marijuana; definitions	2/11/15 10:07	Senate Read and Referred	Thompson, Curt 5th
SB 0009	Community Health, Board of; reopen the 2014 open enrollment; major medical facility declared out of network; define certain terms	12/18/14 10:51	Senate Prefiled	Seay, Valencia 34th

SB 0038	Medicaid; authorization of appropriations; medical assistance payments to providers of Medicaid expansion	1/26/15 9:57	Senate Read and Referred	Fort, Vincent 39th
SB 0040	Health; repeal Code Section 31-1-40	1/26/15 9:57	Senate Read and Referred	Fort, Vincent 39th
SB 0086	"Patient Compensation Act"; establish	2/9/15 11:05	Senate Read and Referred	Beach, Brandon 21st
SB 0143	Insurance; require insurer providing services under state health benefit plan to include certain trauma centers in provider network	3/19/15 9:47	House Second Readers	Hufstetler, Chuck 52nd
SB 0145	Board of Community Health; provide that one member of the board is member of the state health benefit plan	3/19/15 9:47	House Second Readers	McKoon, Joshua 29th
SB 0158	"Consumer and Provider Protection Act"; provide certain consumer and provider protections regarding health insurance	2/18/16 9:59	House Second Readers	Burke, Dean 11th
SB 0265	"Physician Direct Pay Act"; definitions; provide physician agreements are not insurance; exempt agreements from regulations as insurance	1/13/16 10:45	Senate Read and Referred	Hill, Judson 32nd
SB 0290	Insurance; clarify those individuals not required to be licensed as insurance agent	2/18/16 9:59	House Second Readers	Bethel, Charlie 54th
SB 0291	"Georgia Affordable Free Market Health Care Act"; provide definitions; physicians agreements are not insurance	1/27/16 10:43	Senate Read and Referred	Hill, Judson 32nd
SB 0299	Georgia Health Care Transparency Initiative; create; definitions; purpose	1/27/16 10:43	Senate Read and Referred	McKoon, Joshua 29th
SB 0302	Insurance; require health carriers to maintain accurate provider directories	2/25/16 0:00	Senate - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute	Martin IV, P. K. 9th

SB 0347	'Georgia Captive Insurance Company Act'; provide extensive changes; provisions	2/22/16 10:12	Senate Read Second Time	Bethel, Charlie 54th
SB 0368	Medical Assistance; eligible individuals to obtain health care coverage;	2/11/16 10:24	Senate Read and Referred	Rhett, Michael 'Doc' 33rd
SB 0382	'Surprise Billing and Consumer Protection Act'; provide for consumer protections regarding health insurance	2/17/16 10:19	Senate Read and Referred	Unterman, Renee 45th
SR 0722	Mental Illness, Initiative, Reform, Public Health, and Safety; create Joint Study Committee	1/21/16 10:08	Senate Read and Referred	James, Donzella 35th
SR 0940	Medicaid; encouraged to cover certain attention deficit hyperactivity disorder medications	2/10/16 10:12	Senate Read and Referred	Watson, Ben 1st
SR 0974	Senate Surprise Billing Practices Study Committee; create	2/16/16 9:54	Senate Read and Referred	Unterman, Renee 45th
SR 1029	Health and Social Services Integrated Data Platform; create joint study committee	2/24/16 11:02	Senate Read Second Time	Hufstetler, Chuck 52nd
SR 1043	Expansion on Autism Insurance Mandate; create Senate Study Committee	2/24/16 10:36	Senate Read and Referred	Mullis, Jeff 53rd
SR 1055	Expansion of Autism Insurance Mandate; create Joint Study committee	2/24/16 10:36	Senate Read and Referred	Mullis, Jeff 53rd