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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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# DAILY REPORT

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Legislative  
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- The House will reconvene for its 36th Legislative Day on Monday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- Five bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

## Today on the Floor

### Rules Calendar

#### **HR 261 Joint Study Committee on Evaluating and Simplifying Physician Oversight of Midlevel Providers; create**

Bill Summary: House Resolution 261 creates the Joint Study Committee on Evaluating and Simplifying Physician Oversight of Midlevel Providers. This committee evaluates current state laws, as well as proposed legislation to revise such laws, relating to physician oversight of mid-level providers to determine how such physician oversight could be simplified and streamlined to navigate in the practice environment. This study committee includes three members from the Senate and three members from the House and will be abolished on December 1, 2019.

**Authored By:** Rep. Mark Newton (123rd)  
**House Committee:** Health & Human Services  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 161 Nays: 2  
**Floor Action:** Adopted (Resolution)

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 02-26-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute  
**Amendments:** AM 33 1860

#### **SB 1 "C.J.'s Law"; penalty for hit and run accidents that result in serious injury; provide**

Bill Summary: SB 1, titled 'C.J.'s Law', refines the Code regarding the crime of serious injury by vehicle. The bill adds those who, without malice aforethought, leave the scene of a vehicular accident that results in serious bodily injury. This crime is punished as a felony, with a term of imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 10 years.

**Authored By:** Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 131 Nays: 34

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 03-14-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

#### **SB 140 World War I Centennial Commission; sunset provisions; extend**

Bill Summary: SB 140 extends the sunset date of the World War I Centennial Commission to either December 31, 2019 or 30 days after activities of the commission are completed, whichever is earlier.

**Authored By:** Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)  
**House Committee:** Defense & Veterans Affairs  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 165 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 03-20-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

**SB 212 Department of Driver Services; criteria; authorize certain licensed driver training schools to administer on-the-road driving skills testing; revise**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 212 provides additional methods for applicants to qualify to take an on-the-road driving skills test administered by an authorized driver training school.

**Authored By:** Sen. P. K. Martin (9th)  
**House Committee:** Motor Vehicles  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 165 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 03-19-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute  
**Amendments:**

**SB 227 Special License Plates; benefit the Georgia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.; establish**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 227 creates specialty license plates supporting the Georgia Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc. and the Autism Alliance of Georgia.

Additionally, the bill requires a distinctive logo to be included on a manufacturer's, distributor's, or manufacturer headquarters' license plate for an alternative fueled vehicle. This logo will allow the vehicle to travel in specially-marked alternative fueled vehicle lanes.

**Authored By:** Sen. P. K. Martin (9th)  
**House Committee:** Motor Vehicles  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 163 Nays: 1

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 03-19-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute  
**Amendments:**

**Postponed Until Next Legislative Day****SB 32 Torts; conditions upon immunity from civil liability in instances of rendering emergency care; provide**

Bill Summary: SB 32 adds to the Code a provision relating to the rescue of incapacitated animals locked in a motor vehicle. The bill bars any civil liability of property damage to a person who, in good faith, rescues or attempts to rescue an endangered animal from a locked motor vehicle. Additionally, immunity from civil damages extends to the individual if that person assists in contacting law enforcement and awaits the arrival of emergency services.

**Authored By:** Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

**SB 95 Local Government; terms for contracts for utility services; change**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 95 revises Code Sections 36-1-26, 36-30-3, and 36-80-17, by stating no contract for solar utility services or wind utility services shall be for a term in excess of 20 years.

**Authored By:** Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

**SB 132 Insurance; modernization and updates; provide; Commission on the Georgia Health Insurance Risk Pool; repeal Article 2 of Chapter 29A**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 132 amends Title 33, relating to insurance, by modernizing and updating the language of various sections. Additionally, this bill repeals the Commission on the Georgia Health Insurance Risk Pool effective July 1, 2019.

**Authored By:** Sen. Marty Harbin (16th)

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open

**SB 133 Insurance; modernization and updates; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 133 amends Title 33, relating to insurance, by modernizing and updating the language of various sections.

**Authored By:** Sen. Marty Harbin (16th)

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open

**SB 149 Motor Vehicles; retain custody of the vehicle under certain conditions; valid number license plate without required revalidation decal affixed; permit**

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 149 provides for the issuance, regulation, and usage of digital license plates for motor vehicles. When a driver applies for a digital license plate, their registration information will be submitted to the state revenue commissioner so that the commissioner can transmit the license plate information to the digital license plate provider. The digital license plate must be renewed annually. If the commissioner sends notice of a cancelled or revoked registration, the digital license plate provider must terminate the transmission of data to the cancelled or revoked license plate.

The bill provides that if a motor vehicle is operated without a revalidation decal on the license plate, the vehicle will not be towed at the time of the issuance of the citation; however, the vehicle will be towed if proof of the revalidation decal is not provided at the court date.

The bill changes the description of the type of three-wheeled motor vehicle that a driver with a Class C driver's license is permitted to drive. The description is changed from a three-wheeled vehicle that is equipped with a steering wheel to a three-wheeled vehicle that has seat belts and a frame to partially or fully enclose the driver. The bill exempts drivers of three-wheeled vehicles from headgear and eye-protective requirements.

The bill permits the use of windshield mounts for wireless phones or electronic devices.

**Authored By:** Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)      **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

**Local Calendar****HB 599 Douglas County; Board of Commissioners; change expense allowance of chairperson and members**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 599 states the chairperson of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners shall be full time and shall be paid 66 percent of the base salary for a superior court judge as set forth in Code Section 45-7-4. The other four board members shall serve part time and shall be paid 16 percent of the base salary of a superior court judge as set forth in Code Section 45-7-4. The board members shall be paid up to \$6,000 a year for expenses incurred on official business.

**Authored By:** Rep. Kimberly Alexander (66th)      **Rule Applied:**  
**House**      Intragovernmental Coordination -      **Committee**      03-21-2019 Do Pass  
**Committee:**      Local      **Action:**  
**Floor Vote:**      Yeas: 67      Nays: 98      **Amendments:**  
**Floor Action:**      **Failed**

**HB 613 Flovilla, City of; municipal court; dissolve**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 613 dissolves the municipal court of the city of Flovilla and grants all matters of jurisdiction to the Butts County Magistrate Court.

**Authored By:** Rep. Susan Holmes (129th)      **Rule Applied:**  
**House**      Intragovernmental Coordination -      **Committee**      03-21-2019 Do Pass  
**Committee:**      Local      **Action:**  
**Floor Vote:**      Yeas: 147      Nays: 14      **Amendments:**

**HB 622 Sinclair Water Authority; determination of a quorum of the members of the board; change**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 622 changes the determination of a quorum of the members of the Sinclair Water Authority.

**Authored By:** Rep. Ricky Williams (145th)      **Rule Applied:**  
**House**      Intragovernmental Coordination -      **Committee**      03-21-2019 Do Pass  
**Committee:**      Local      **Action:**  
**Floor Vote:**      Yeas: 147      Nays: 14      **Amendments:**

**HB 625 Coweta County; levy an excise tax**

Bill Summary: House Bill 625 authorizes the governing authority of Coweta County to levy an excise tax.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Lynn Smith (70th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-21-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 147 Nays: 14	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**HB 626 Newnan, City of; levy an excise tax**

Bill Summary: House Bill 626 authorizes the governing authority of the city of Newnan to levy an excise tax.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Lynn Smith (70th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-21-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 147 Nays: 14	<b>Amendments:</b>	

## Committee Actions

*Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.*

### Industry and Labor Committee

#### SB 135 Workers' Compensation; certain provisions; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 135 provides that any director or administrative law judge of the State Board of Workers' Compensation in office on June 30, 2019, is eligible to be appointed as director emeritus or administrative law judge, respectively, of the board under certain conditions. The bill provides exceptions to the 400-week limitation for the medical treatment of injuries that are not designated as catastrophic. The compensation maximums are raised for temporarily total injuries, partial but temporary injuries, and deaths.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)	<b>Committee</b>	03-22-2019 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Industry and Labor	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>			

### Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

#### HB 631 Butts County; courthouse; provide that fees collected are for maintenance

Bill Summary: House Bill 631 provides that the sum of \$15 of each case wherein a fine is collected or a bond is forfeited and collected shall be paid to the treasurer of Butts County for the purpose of maintaining the Historic Butts County Courthouse.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Susan Holmes (129th)	<b>Committee</b>	03-22-2019 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>	Local		

#### HB 632 Pickens County; Board of Education; revise districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 632 revises the education districts of the Pickens County Board of Education by dividing Pickens County into five education districts for the purpose of electing members to the board.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Rick Jasperse (11th)	<b>Committee</b>	03-22-2019 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>	Local		

#### HB 633 Monroe, City of; municipal court; authorize assessment and collection of a technology fee

Bill Summary: House Bill 633 authorizes the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the municipal court of the city of Monroe.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th)	<b>Committee</b>	03-22-2019 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>	Local		

#### HB 635 Atlanta, City of; ad valorem tax for municipal purposes; provide for a new homestead exemption

Bill Summary: House Bill 635 provides a \$30,000 homestead exemption from city of Atlanta ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for each resident who holds real property subject to a written lease having an initial term of not less than 99 years with a landlord that is an entity exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code and who owns all improvements located on the real property.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Park Cannon (58th)	<b>Committee</b>	03-22-2019 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>	Local		

**HB 637 Lula Development Authority Act; enact**

Bill Summary: House Bill 637 creates the Lula Development Authority.

**Authored By:** Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Committee Action:** 03-22-2019 Do Pass

**HB 640 Ware County; superior court clerk shall also be state court clerk; provide**

Bill Summary: House Bill 640 provides that the clerk of the Ware County Superior Court shall also be the clerk of the Ware County State Court.

**Authored By:** Rep. John Corbett (174th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Committee Action:** 03-22-2019 Do Pass

**Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee****SB 6 Correctional Institutions of the State and Counties; use of unmanned aircraft systems to deliver or attempt to deliver contraband to a place of incarceration; prohibit**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 6 makes it unlawful for any person to intentionally use an unmanned aircraft system to deliver to an inmate weapons, liquor, drugs, telecommunications devices, or tobacco products without the authorization of the warden or superintendent or his or her designee.

The bill also prohibits the intentional photographing or otherwise recorded images of a place of incarceration through the use of the unmanned aircraft system. There is a provision that allows a person to obtain the warden's or superintendent's authorization for photographing or recording as evidence of a noncriminal intent; however, the failure to receive the prior authorization does not suffice as evidence of a criminal intent.

Persons who commit or attempt to commit a violation of this provision are guilty of a felony. Upon a conviction for attempting to deliver or for delivering contraband, the person is sentenced to imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 10 years. A conviction of a violation of the photography provision results in a sentence of imprisonment for not less than one but no more than five years.

**Authored By:** Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
**House Committee:** Public Safety & Homeland Security  
**Committee Action:** 03-22-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Committee Meeting Schedule

*This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change.  
To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit [www.house.ga.gov](http://www.house.ga.gov) and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).*

### Monday, March 25, 2019

9:00 AM	<a href="#">RULES</a>	341 CAP
10:00 AM	<a href="#">FLOOR SESSION (LD 36)</a>	House Chamber
1:00 PM	<a href="#">Academic Support Subcommittee of Education</a>	406 CLOB
1:30 PM	<a href="#">HUMAN RELATIONS &amp; AGING</a>	506 CLOB
2:00 PM	<a href="#">Academic Achievement Subcommittee of Education</a>	406 CLOB
3:00 PM	<a href="#">Regulated Industries - Occupational/Professional Licensing Subcmte.</a>	606 CLOB