



Georgia

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday
January 25,
2018

DAILY REPORT

10th
Legislative
Day

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- The House will reconvene for its 11th Legislative Day on Monday, January 29 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- 1 bill / resolution are expected to be debated on the floor.

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 11th Legislative Day, Monday, January 29 and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.

The Rules Committee will next meet on Monday, January 29 at 9:00 a.m.

Tax liens; transmittal, filing, recording, access to, and territorial effect issued by Department of Revenue; change provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 661 removes statewide liens and only allows a lien at the county level. All liens filed between January 1, 2018 and February 15, 2018 revert back to county-wide attachment. The bill also eliminates the certificate of clearance process and reduces the time period for the Department of Revenue to file a lien from seven to five years from final assessment.

Authored By: Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th)
House Committee: Ways & Means

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee Action: 01-10-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Committee Actions

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

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

HB 709 Rockdale County; State Court; provide an additional judge

Bill Summary: This bill provides an additional judge for the State Court of Rockdale County.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Vernon Jones (91st) | | |
| House Committee: | Intragovernmental Coordination - Local | Committee Action: | 01-25-2018 Do Pass |

HB 727 Bartow County; Redevelopment Powers Law; authorize

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes Bartow County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers found under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Christian Coomer (14th) | | |
| House Committee: | Intragovernmental Coordination - Local | Committee Action: | 01-25-2018 Do Pass |

Ways & Means Committee

HB 658 Excise tax; rooms, lodgings, and accommodations; remove sunset date for the time during which a certain tax may be collected

Bill Summary: House Bill 658 amends 48-13-51, relating to county and municipal levies on public accommodations charges for promotion of tourism, conventions, and trade shows, by removing the sunset date of December 31, 2028 for the eight percent hotel/motel tax allowed in a county where a coliseum and exhibit hall authority was created on January 1, 1991.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Earl Ehrhart (36th) | | |
| House Committee: | Ways & Means | Committee Action: | 01-25-2018 Do Pass |

HB 694 Motor fuel tax; electronic filing of certain reports; require

Bill Summary: House Bill 694 amends 48-9-8, relating to reports from distributors regarding the motor fuel tax, by requiring that the monthly reports be submitted electronically.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Brett Harrell (106th) | | |
| House Committee: | Ways & Means | Committee Action: | 01-25-2018 Do Pass |

HR 158 General Assembly; provide for dedication of revenues derived from fees or other taxes to the public purpose for which such fees or other taxes were imposed; authorize - CA

Bill Summary: House Resolution 158 allows the General Assembly to, by general law, dedicate funds from fees or taxes for the purpose for which they were imposed. The general law dedicating the fees must reference this provision of the Constitution; provide the specific purpose for which the fees will be used; identify the agency to administer the funds; require annual reporting of the revenue and expenditures by the department administering the funds; and include a sunset date not to exceed ten years. The total amount of funds dedicated by this provision of the Constitution may not exceed one percent of the total state revenues of the prior fiscal year. All funds dedicated by this provision do not lapse.

Any law enacted pursuant to this provision requires the approval of two-thirds of the members of

each branch of the General Assembly, however, it takes only a simple majority to repeal a law enacted pursuant to this provision. In the event the Governor declares a financial emergency, which shall be deemed to exist if revenue collections decrease by three percent or more from the previous year, the fees dedicated by this provision may be made subject to appropriation however this is limited to three, two-year periods during any ten-year period. The resolution also provides ballot language.

Authored By: Rep. Jay Powell (171st)
House Committee: Ways & Means

Committee Action: 01-25-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute