



Monday, February 8, 2016

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- The House will reconvene for its 18th Legislative Day on Tuesday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- 6 bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

## Today on the Floor

### Rules Calendar

#### **HB 649 Georgia Lactation Consultant Practice Act; enact**

Bill Summary: HB 649, the 'Georgia Lactation Consultant Practice Act,' requires the Georgia Composite Medical Board to appoint a lactation consultant advisory committee. The advisory committee will consult the board on the issuance, denial, suspension, and revocation of lactation consultant licenses.

Additionally, the board will have the power and responsibility to enforce the provisions of this act; draft, adopt, amend, repeal and enforce rules it deems necessary for the administration of this act; license qualified lactation consultants; implement the disciplinary process; set standards for competency of licenses; establish examination and licensing fees; and establish continuing education requirements.

The board may grant a license to a person without examination if that person holds a valid license to practice lactation care and services issued by another state if the board feels that the requirements in that state are substantially equal to or greater than in Georgia and as long as the applicant is in good standing with the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners.

Each applicant for a license must certification as an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners. Additionally, to receive licensure, the applicant must be at least 18 years old and pass a criminal background check.

**Authored By:** Rep. Sharon Cooper (43rd)  
**House Committee:** Health & Human Services

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 01-26-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 129 Nays: 27

**Amendments:**

#### **HB 759 Courts; financial institutions; certain activities shall not constitute the unauthorized practice of law; provide**

Bill Summary: This legislation updates the terms banks and banking with "financial institutions" and "financial services" in the Code section that allows for certain business-related advice and transactions to occur without being deemed the unauthorized practice of law.

**Authored By:** Rep. Wendell Willard (51st)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 01-28-2016 Do Pass

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 156 Nays: 0

**Amendments:**

**HB 767 Motor vehicles; add utility service vehicles to the "Spencer Pass Law"; provisions**

Bill Summary: House Bill 767 adds utility service vehicles to the "Spencer Pass Law," which states that a driver must make a lane change into a lane not adjacent to a stationary towing, recovery, or highway maintenance, or utility service vehicle. If a lane change would be impossible or unsafe, the driver must reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a reasonable speed less than the posted speed limit and be prepared to stop.

**Authored By:** Rep. Alan Powell (32nd)  
**House Committee:** Motor Vehicles

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-01-2016 Do Pass

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 158 Nays: 0

**Amendments:** AM 39 0147

**HB 775 Health; restrictions on sale and dispensing of spectacles; provide**

Bill Summary: HB 775 defines "over the counter spectacles" and "spectacles". Spectacles and contact lenses require a prescription, from a duly licensed examiner, and no prescriptions shall be given unless an eye examination is performed by such person writing the prescription. The penalty for writing a prescription without a license is lowered to a misdemeanor.

**Authored By:** Rep. Earl Ehrhart (36th)  
**House Committee:** Regulated Industries

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 02-02-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 155 Nays: 0

**Amendments:**

**HB 780 Health; certain nondiagnostic laboratories not subject to state licensure as a clinical laboratory; provide**

Bill Summary: HB 780 excludes laboratories which are nondiagnostic only and regulated pursuant to the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments from the definition of "clinical laboratory". These nondiagnostic labs examine human blood or blood components intended for use as a source material for the manufacture of biological products, whereas diagnostic labs examine blood for medical purposes such as recommendation of treatment of any disease.

**Authored By:** Rep. Jodi Lott (122nd)  
**House Committee:** Health & Human Services

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 01-26-2016 Do Pass

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 160 Nays: 0

**Amendments:**

**Postponed Until Next Legislative Day****HB 737 Code Revision Commission; revise, modernize and correct errors of said Code**

Bill Summary: The bill revises, modernizes, corrects errors or omissions, and removes obsolete and unconstitutional references in Georgia Code as recommended by the Code Revision Commission.

**Authored By:** Rep. Johnnie Caldwell (131st)

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

## Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

*The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 18th Legislative Day, Tuesday, February 9, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Tuesday, February 9, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 19th Legislative Day.*

### **HB 483 State symbols; shoal bass as official state native riverine sport fish; designate**

Bill Summary: HB 483 designates the shoal bass as the official Georgia state native riverine sport fish.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Debbie Buckner (137th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Open
<b>House Committee:</b>	Game, Fish, & Parks	<b>Committee Action:</b>	01-26-2016 Do Pass

### **HB 697 Unsolicited merchandise; solicitors to receive from consumers affirmative assent to continued receipt of certain merchandise following a free trial before charging; require**

Bill Summary: HB 697 revises Code Section 10-1-50 and provides that no "person", as used in Code section 10-1-2, shall offer for sale goods, wares or merchandise where the offer includes voluntary and unsolicited sending of goods, wares or merchandise not actually ordered or requested by the recipient. The receipt of such goods is deemed an unconditional gift to the recipient who may use or dispose of the items without any obligation to the sender unless the items were delivered as result of a bona fide mistake.

No person shall require payment for the continued provision of any goods, wares, or merchandise following the expiration of a trial period during which the items were provided free of charge unless the recipient of those goods assents to the receipt on a paid basis. In the absence of such assent, the receipt of the merchandise is deemed an unconditional gift to the recipient who may use or dispose of the items, unless the items were delivered as a bona fide mistake, without obligation to the sender.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Tom Kirby (114th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Open
<b>House Committee:</b>	Agriculture & Consumer Affairs	<b>Committee Action:</b>	01-27-2016 Do Pass

### **HB 739 Elementary and secondary education; process for state approved instructional materials and content is optional; provide**

Bill Summary: House Bill 739 clarifies the state instructional recommendation process and makes optional the use of a committee selected by the State Board of Education to review instructional materials. This legislation also provides that local boards of education shall have a review process for any locally approved instructional material.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Kevin Tanner (9th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Structured
<b>House Committee:</b>	Education	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-03-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

### **HB 765 Social services; board member appointments may include certain retired individuals; provide**

Bill Summary: House Bill 765 allows retirees, in addition to active personnel, to be appointed from the list of professionals required to be appointed to a county's Board of Family and Children Services.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Jay Powell (171st)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Structured
<b>House Committee:</b>	Governmental Affairs	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-03-2016 Do Pass

### **HB 866 Insurance; multiple employer self-insured health plans; exempt from premium taxes**

Bill Summary: House Bill 866 exempts multiple employer self-insured health plans from premium taxes.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Shaw Blackmon (146th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Structured
<b>House Committee:</b>	Insurance	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-03-2016 Do Pass

**HB 870 Quality Basic Education Act; high schools that receive state funding cannot participate in an athletic association which prohibits religious expression on clothing of student athletes; provide**  
Bill Summary: House Bill 870 requires that high schools which receive state funding cannot participate in an athletic association which prohibits religious expression on athletic clothing. This bill also de facto prevents the high school athletic association from prohibiting member schools from participating in scrimmage games with non-member schools.

**Authored By:** Rep. Brian Strickland (111th)  
**House Committee:** Education

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-03-2016 Do Pass

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## Committee Actions

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

### Economic Development & Tourism Committee

**HB 879 Elementary and secondary education; seal of biliteracy for high school graduates with a high level of proficiency in one or more foreign languages in addition to English; provide**

Bill Summary: HB 879 establishes the "Georgia Seal of Biliteracy" to recognize high school graduates who attain a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing one or more languages in addition to English. The bill also provides criteria for proving biliteracy and record-keeping requirements for school systems participating in the program. The Department of Education will prepare and deliver an appropriate insignia to participating local school systems to be affixed to the diploma or transcript of the pupil indicating the pupil earned the Georgia Seal of Biliteracy.

**Authored By:** Rep. Tom Taylor (79th)  
**House Committee:** Economic Development & Tourism

**Committee Action:** 02-08-2016 Do Pass

## 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](#).*

### Tuesday, February 09, 2016

10:00AM	<a href="#">Floor Session (LD 18)</a>	House Chamber
8:00 AM	<a href="#">Appropriations Economic Development Sub</a>	606 CLOB
8:00 AM	<a href="#">Appropriations General Government Sub</a>	403 CAP
9:00 AM	<a href="#">RULES</a>	341 CAP
1:00 PM	<a href="#">HIGHER EDUCATION</a>	403 CAP
1:00 PM	<a href="#">SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT</a>	606 CLOB
1:30 PM	<a href="#">W&amp;M Tax Reform Sub</a>	133 CAP
2:00 PM	<a href="#">JUDICIARY CIVIL</a>	132 CAP
2:00 PM	<a href="#">HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</a>	606 CLOB
2:00 PM	<a href="#">W&amp;M Sales Tax Sub</a>	133 CAP
2:00 PM	<a href="#">REGULATED INDUSTRIES</a>	506 CLOB
2:00 PM	<a href="#">Insurance Admin/Licensing Sub</a>	515 CLOB
3:00 PM	<a href="#">PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY</a>	406 CLOB
3:00 PM	<a href="#">Local Government Sub</a>	515 CLOB
3:00 PM	<a href="#">HB 872 Sub</a>	403 CAP
3:30 PM	<a href="#">Appropriations General Government Sub</a>	415 CLOB
4:00 PM	<a href="#">Elections Sub</a>	515 CLOB