

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

*Rules Suspended

[HB 407.](#)

By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Crawford of the 89th, Holly of the 116th, Tran of the 80th, Schofield of the 63rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for costs of doing business with Georgia grown hemp owners and suppliers; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 408.](#)

By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Cannon of the 58th, and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance licensing, so as to repeal preclicensing education requirements applicable to certain insurance licenses; to provide a three-day maximum on the reexamination waiting period for applicants; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[HB 409.](#)

By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Jackson of the 68th, Moore of the 91st, and Heffner of the 130th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to exempt from taxation all retirement income received as retirement benefits derived from service in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 410.](#)

By Representatives DeLoach of the 167th, Lumsden of the 12th, and Williamson of the 112th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance, so as to provide for efficiency in the practices of the Department of Insurance; to revise the statutory deposit requirement for foreign insurers; to remove fees for branch licensees; to revise application requirements for a domestic stock and mutual insurer; to remove the publication requirement for application, amendments, and surrenders for such insurer; to remove such publication requirement for charters, consolidations, and mergers of fraternal benefit societies; to revise application requirements for farmers' mutual fire insurance companies; to remove the licensure requirement for agency branches; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[HB 411.](#)

By Representative Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Banks County, approved August 19, (Ga. L. 1916, p. 349), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 17, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p. 4500), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 412.](#)

By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Polk County Water Authority, approved April 14, 1967 (Ga. L. 1967, p. 3108), as amended, so as to change certain provisions relating to the reappointment of members of the Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 413.](#)

By Representatives Jenkins of the 136th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Campbell of the 171st, Ridley of the 22nd, and Byrd of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding agriculture, so as to prohibit

local ordinances that prohibit the operation of mobile sawmills on agricultural lands; to provide for agricultural products; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

[HB 414.](#)

By Representatives Jones of the 25th, DeLoach of the 167th, Gunter of the 8th, Scoggins of the 14th, and Holcomb of the 101st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to revise the definition of "person" to include certain nonresidents of the state; to provide the State Ethics Commission with supplementary investigatory powers related to persons, documents, or information located outside of the state; to revise venue provisions to address out-of-state persons; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 415.](#)

By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Barrett of the 24th, Petrea of the 166th, Corbett of the 174th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to enact the "Homeowners Protection Act"; to provide for a rental intention affidavit regarding dispossession proceedings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 416.](#)

By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Blackmon of the 146th, and Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 88 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enterprise zones, so as to revise the class of retailer from which fees may be collected; to revise the period of existence of enterprise zones; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 417.](#)

By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Hitchens of the 161st, Dickey of the 134th, and Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to revise the definition of approved school; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[HB 418.](#)

By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Carpenter of the 4th, Tran of the 80th, Davis of the 87th, and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 39 of the O.C.G.A., relating to regulation of employment of minors, so as to require the establishment of blocked trust accounts for minors rendering artistic or creative services in this state; to provide for the Commissioner of Labor to investigate and determine conditions of employment of child performers prior to the commencement of such employment; to provide for requirements related to such accounts for minors engaged in online content creation; to provide for civil actions and damages; to require the conditions of employment for a child performer to not be detrimental to such minor's health, well-being, and education; to provide for scheduling restrictions and for discretionary exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INDUSTRY AND LABOR

[HB 419.](#)

By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Gambill of the 15th, Martin of the 49th, Jackson of the 128th, Mathis of the 133rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to university system, so as to require the possession of opioid antagonists by institutions within the University System of Georgia; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to technical and adult education, so as to require the possession of opioid antagonists by units within the Technical College System of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[HB 420.](#)

By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Dempsey of the 13th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Stinson of the 150th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to require certain health benefit policies to cover genetic testing for an inherited mutation and cancer imaging under certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to exclude such coverage from any cost-sharing requirements; to protect the eligibility of health savings accounts; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[HB 421.](#)

By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Rice of the 139th, Reeves of the 99th, Ballinger of the 23rd, and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to establish the offense of traveling to meet a minor for indecent purposes; to provide penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 422.](#)

By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Jones of the 47th, Burchett of the 176th, Williamson of the 112th, Blackmon of the 146th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to employees' insurance and benefits plans, so as to require the state employees' health insurance plan include high deductible health plans; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[HB 423.](#)

By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Donatucci of the 105th, Reeves of the 99th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 and Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency communications authority and emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, respectively, so as to provide for Next Generation 9-1-1 systems and services; to revise and provide for definitions; to revise the duties and responsibilities of the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority as relevant to Next Generation 9-1-1 systems and services; to add members to the board of directors of such authority; to require all new

9-1-1 systems conform to wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service or NG9-1-1 service standards; to revise the role of the executive director of the authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[HB 424.](#)

By Representatives Meeks of the 178th, Dickey of the 134th, Burchett of the 176th, Wade of the 9th, McDonald III of the 26th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to liability for use of fertilizers, plant growth regulators, or pesticides, so as to clarify that a manufacturer cannot be held liable for failing to warn consumers of health risks above those required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency with respect to pesticides; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

[HB 425.](#)

By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Hagan of the 156th, Camp of the 135th, Hatchett of the 155th, O'Steen of the 169th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to provide for a tax credit for the purchase of an emergency power generator and related components to convenience stores and grocery stores; to provide for taxpayer certification of tax credits; to provide for sunsets of the tax credit and carry-forward period; to provide for applicability; to provide for pursuit of remedies; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 426.](#)

By Representatives New of the 40th, Efstration of the 104th, Hugley of the 141st, Burchett of the 176th, Park of the 107th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate courts, so as to provide for nonpartisan election of magistrates; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to revise provisions related to

nonpartisan elections of judges of the probate court and magistrates; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date, a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 427.](#)

By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Greene of the 154th, Smith of the 18th, Gullett of the 19th, and Olaleye of the 59th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to recording relative to property, so as to provide for notice to the owner and deed holder when another deed is filed by another party; to provide for a 45 day waiting period; to provide for limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 428.](#)

By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Jones of the 47th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th, Hong of the 103rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, so as to codify the right to in vitro fertilization for individuals; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 429.](#)

By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Prince of the 132nd, Seabaugh of the 34th, Blackmon of the 146th, Smith of the 41st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles, so as to exempt from ad valorem taxation motor vehicles owned by a natural person for which a title was issued in this state before March 1, 2013; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 430.](#)

By Representatives Sainz of the 180th, Clifton of the 131st, Ballard of the 147th, Ford of the 170th, Ballinger of the 23rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Sexual Offender Risk Review Board, so as to provide for venue for certain petitions regarding the state sexual offender registry; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 431.](#)

By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Powell of the 33rd, Ridley of the 6th, Hatchett of the 155th, Corbett of the 174th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to provide for a limitation on interchange fees charged by payment card networks for credit or debit card transactions at retailers; to provide requirements for payment card networks in relation to such interchange fees; to provide for a civil penalty; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on BANKS & BANKING

[HB 432.](#)

By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Rhodes of the 124th, Cannon of the 172nd, Dunahoo of the 31st, Chastain of the 7th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-2-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to trout license, Georgia waterfowl and migratory bird stamp, big game license, and alligator harvest permit, so as to provide for Georgia turkey stamps; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GAME, FISH, & PARKS

[HB 433.](#)

By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Camp of the 135th, Rice of the 139th, O'Steen of the 169th, Mathiak of the 82nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Crime Information Center, so as to

provide that the Department of Human Services shall be authorized to access restricted and sealed information to conduct employee oversight in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[HB 434.](#)

By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Camp of the 135th, Rice of the 139th, O'Steen of the 169th, Mathiak of the 82nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to offenses against public health and morals, so as to provide for the offense of selling a child for financial gain; to provide for a definition; to provide for a penalty; to provide for limitations; to provide for a cause of action; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to adoption, so as to provide for conforming cross references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY, JUVENILE

[HB 435.](#)

By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Camp of the 135th, Rice of the 139th, O'Steen of the 169th, Mathiak of the 82nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-12-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual exploitation of children, reporting violation, civil forfeiture, and penalties, so as to expand limitations to include the Division of Family and Children Services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY, JUVENILE

[HB 436.](#)

By Representatives Griffin of the 149th, Miller of the 62nd, Hugley of the 141st, Lim of the 98th, Williams of the 168th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to repeal Chapter 2B, relating to promise scholarship accounts, including both Articles 1 and 2 of said chapter, relating to the Georgia Education Savings Authority and the "Georgia Promise Scholarship Act," respectively; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 437.](#)

By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Cannon of the 172nd, Hong of the 103rd, Olaleye of the 59th, Reeves of the 99th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require the State Board of Education to establish rules and regulations for local school system outreach efforts regarding the English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 438.](#)

By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Blackmon of the 146th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, so as to allow all sworn law enforcement officers serving in and the commissioner and deputy commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to be eligible for regular retirement benefits at the age of 55 years, certain disability benefits, and certain provisions for purchasing creditable service; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RETIREMENT

[HB 439.](#)

By Representatives Yeararta of the 152nd, Dickey of the 134th, Williams of the 148th, Anderson of the 10th, Kelley of the 16th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compensation of dealers for reporting and paying tax and reimbursement deduction, so as to revise deductions allowed to dealers; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on BANKS & BANKING

[*HB 460.](#)

By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Smith of the 18th, Evans of the 57th, Holcomb of the 101st, and Neal of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 24-5-501 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certain communications privileged, so as to exclude from

evidence certain communications made between attorney and client when the client is in a penal institution; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[*HB 461.](#)

By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Powell of the 33rd, Mathis of the 133rd, McCollum of the 30th, and Cox of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for the safe operation of a motorcycle or bicycle through an inoperative traffic-control signal; to require drivers of motor vehicles to stop at crosswalks with pedestrian activated rectangular rapid flash beacons; to make it unlawful to activate such devices when there is no intent to cross a roadway; to remove provisions regarding height of handlebars for motorcycles; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[HR 250.](#)

By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Powell of the 33rd, Ridley of the 6th, Ridley of the 22nd, Stephens of the 164th, and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the governing authority of any county or consolidated government shall be authorized to adopt an alternative method of appraisal and assessment of real property located within such county for taxation; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HR 251.](#)

By Representatives New of the 40th, Efstration of the 104th, Hugley of the 141st, Burchett of the 176th, Park of the 107th, and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that all probate judges shall be elected in nonpartisan elections; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

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[SB 5.](#)

By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Harbison of the 15th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide for health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for an annual filing; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[SB 47.](#)

By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Brass of the 6th, Gooch of the 51st, Ginn of the 47th, Robertson of the 29th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of firearms, ammunition, gun safes, and related accessories during an 11 day period each year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[SR 95.](#)

By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Burns of the 23rd, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Kennedy of the 18th, and others:

A RESOLUTION naming the forthcoming new legislative office complex the "Sonny Perdue Legislative Center"; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on STATE PROPERTIES