

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025  
NINTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

[HB 164.](#)

By Representatives Meeks of the 178th, Hagan of the 156th, Buckner of the 137th, Dickey of the 134th, Cannon of the 172nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dimensions and weight of vehicles and loads, so as to repeal automatic repeal provisions relating to an allowable variance for weight limitations upon a vehicle or load hauling certain commodities within a certain range and areas of the state; to provide for the enforcement of such provisions by local law enforcement officers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HB 165.](#)

By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Frye of the 122nd, Williams of the 168th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Cameron of the 1st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to repeal and reserve an income tax credit for business enterprises for leased motor vehicles; to exempt from sales and use taxation property used in construction, renovation, and rehabilitation of affordable housing by nonprofit organizations; to repeal sales and use tax exemptions for certain admissions to view film or videotapes and the sale of certain machinery and equipment used to improve air quality; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 166.](#)

By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Corbett of the 174th, Hagan of the 156th, Buckner of the 137th, Smith of the 138th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate the fourth Friday in November of each year as "National Sugarcane Syrup Day" in Georgia; to provide legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HB 167.](#)

By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Efstration of the 104th, Cannon of the 172nd, Dubnik of the 29th, and O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting, so as to authorize fluorescent pink hunting outer garments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GAME, FISH, & PARKS

[HB 168.](#)

By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Kelley of the 16th, Cannon of the 172nd, Ridley of the 6th, Camp of the 135th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), so as to require the enactment of a local Act for the reimposition of such tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 169.](#)

By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Dickey of the 134th, Corbett of the 174th, O'Steen of the 169th, Huddleston of the 72nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for ad valorem taxation of property, so as to limit exceptions to the breach of covenants for bona fide conservation use and forest land conservation use related to the solar generation of energy to existing contracts and to provide for applicability; to provide for sunsets; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 170.](#)

By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd, Hawkins of the 27th, Greene of the 154th, Jones of the 143rd, and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to authorization and general requirements for transaction of insurance, so as to provide for a benefit provider to disclose certain payments to a treating healthcare provider; to provide for definitions; 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 171.](#)

By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Jones of the 25th, Donatucci of the 105th, Hagan of the 156th, Carson of the 46th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to obscenity and related offenses, so as to repeal and replace Code Section 16-12-80, relating to obscene material, distribution, and penalty; to prohibit distribution of computer generated obscene material depicting a child; to provide for a standard for obscenity; to provide for a penalty and probation; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, so as to provide for sentencing of defendants who utilize artificial intelligence in the commission of certain crimes; to provide for notices for enhanced sentencing, and enhanced sentencing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 172.](#)

By Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Efstration of the 104th, Dickey of the 134th, Frye of the 122nd, and Ford of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 6A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state veterinary education, so as to provide for limits on the student loan forgiveness program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[HB 173.](#)

By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Greene of the 154th, O'Steen of the 169th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require the Department of Education to provide to parents and guardians of students entering the sixth grade information regarding recommended adolescent vaccinations in print or electronic form; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 174.](#)

By Representatives Ballard of the 147th and Jones of the 143rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Centerville to charge a technology fee; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 175.](#)

By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Erwin of the 32nd, Dubnik of the 29th, Wilkerson of the 38th, and Dempsey of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1A Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early care and learning, so as to revise provisions regarding employee comprehensive background checks for early care and education programs and Head Start programs; to provide for definitions; to provide for revocation and nonissuance of licenses and commissions for early care and education programs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 176.](#)

By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Gunter of the 8th, Evans of the 57th, and Miller of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appeal and error, so as to change a provision relating to judgments deemed directly appealable; to change provisions relating to cases requiring application of appeal; to provide for a definition; to provide for an out-of-time remedy for certain types of postjudgment relief in criminal cases; to provide for procedure and time frames; to change provisions relating to amendments on motions for new trial; to amend Code Section 17-7-93 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reading of indictment or accusation, answer of accused to charge, recordation of "guilty" plea and pronouncement of judgment, withdrawn guilty pleas, and pleas by immigrants, so as to provide for a time frame regarding the withdrawal of a guilty plea; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 177.](#)

By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd, Carpenter of the 4th, Reeves of the 99th, and New of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to provide protection for household pets in both family violence and dating violence protective orders; to provide for a definition and an exclusion; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 178.](#)

By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Taylor of the 173rd, and Drenner of the 85th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require the Department of Community Health to submit a Section 1115 waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a demonstration project to provide treatment services under Medicaid to persons in this state living with HIV; to provide for implementation upon approval; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

[HB 179.](#)

By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd, Leverett of the 123rd, Gunter of the 8th, and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating appellate practice, so as to provide for the digital recording of certain trial proceedings; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for persons under sentence of state court of record, so as to provide for digital recording of certain felony trial proceedings; to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for the digital recording of certain Georgia State-wide Business Court proceedings; to provide for the utilization and regulation of digital recording systems; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 180.](#)

By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to probate courts, so as to modify certain requirements for probate judges; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 181.](#)

By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Camp of the 135th, Hilton of the 48th, Donatucci of the 105th, and Silcox of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vital records, so as to provide for the issuance of a "Certificate of Foreign Birth" by the state registrar without a judicial order if certain criteria is satisfied; to provide for necessary forms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 182.](#)

By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Taylor of the 173rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Williamson of the 112th, and Prince of the 132nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to life insurance, so as to prohibit a policy of group life insurance from excluding or restricting liability for certain deaths occurring while an individual is an active duty service member; 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 183.](#)

By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Kelley of the 16th, Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Crowe of the 118th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 21 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights, duties, and liabilities of innkeepers, so as to expand an innkeeper's liens to cover property removed from a room by an innkeeper upon the termination of a guest's contract; to provide procedures for innkeepers to eject persons under certain circumstances from inns; to provide for sheriffs, constables,

marshals, and other certified peace officers to eject persons from such facilities under certain circumstances; to provide for the presumption of an innkeeper-guest relationship; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 184.](#)

By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Crowe of the 118th, Williamson of the 112th, Prince of the 132nd, and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 40 and 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles and traffic and property, respectively, so as to establish the "Georgia Consumer Protection Towing Act"; to provide for applicability; to provide for consumer protections for emergency towing, owner requested towing, and private property towing; to provide for estimates and invoices; to provide for notice requirements; to provide for recording; to provide for the release of towed motor vehicles; to provide for fees; to provide for towing company certificate requirements; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for penalties and enforcement; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[HB 185.](#)

By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th and Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal and reenact Chapter 11A, the "Dietetics Practice Act"; to amend Titles 9, 31, 33, 43, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil practice, health, insurance, professions and businesses, and torts, respectively, so as to provide for conforming cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[HB 186.](#)

By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Jones of the 47th, Ridley of the 6th, Ford of the 170th, Williamson of the 112th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title

ad valorem tax fee, so as to eliminate the title ad valorem tax fee requirement for certain inherited vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 187.](#)

By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Powell of the 33rd, McDonald III of the 26th, Carpenter of the 4th, McCollum of the 30th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 8, 10, 36, 43, and 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, commerce and trade, local government, professions and businesses, and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to change certain provisions relating to certain professions practicing in this state; to change certain provisions relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[HB 188.](#)

By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Holcomb of the 101st, and Lupton of the 83rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17, Title 19, and Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to criminal procedure, domestic relations, and property, respectively, so as to extend certain protections for victims of family violence and stalking with respect to residential leases; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 189.](#)

By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Carpenter of the 4th, and Lupton of the 83rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to notaries public, so as to provide for limitations regarding certain notarial acts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 190.](#)

By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Davis of the 87th, and Lupton of the 83rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of specialized land transactions, so as to prohibit condominium associations and property owners' associations from retaliating against property owners for taking certain actions; to provide for circumstances that are not considered retaliation; to provide definitions; to provide for remedies; to provide for a defense; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 191.](#)

By Representatives Moore of the 91st, Cummings of the 39th, Crawford of the 89th, Park of the 107th, Westbrook of the 163rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to family violence, so as to provide for substitute service when respondent is avoiding service to delay a hearing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HR 96.](#)

By Representatives Moore of the 91st and Crawford of the 89th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Dr. Gregory B. Levett, Sr., and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HR 97.](#)

By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Smith of the 41st, Werkheiser of the 157th, and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Bryan County, Colquitt County, Fulton County, Glynn County, Habersham County, Hall County, and Henry County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Cherokee County, Effingham County, Hall County, Miller County, Sumter County, and Tattnall County; authorizing the exchange of certain state owned property located in Clarke County; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on STATE PROPERTIES

[HR 98.](#)

By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Smith of the 41st, Werkheiser of the 157th, and Hilton of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Barrow, Bryan, Chatham, Cherokee, Coweta, Fulton, Haralson, Lamar, McDuffie, Paulding, Walker, and Walton Counties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on STATE PROPERTIES

[HR 99.](#)

By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Hugley of the 141st, Davis of the 87th, Cannon of the 58th, and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly shall be authorized to provide by law to expend or authorize the expenditure of public funds for baby bond savings programs without the need for benefit in return; to authorize the creation of the Baby Bond Savings Plan Trust Fund; to provide for the redesignation of a current subparagraph of the Constitution; 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 APPROPRIATIONS

[HR 100.](#)

By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Drenner of the 85th, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, and Tran of the 80th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Cumulative Impact of Pollution on Economic Development and Growth; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT