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TOMORROW'S FORECAST

- * The House will reconvene for its 35th Legislative Day on Tuesday, April 13, at 1:00 PM.
- * 3 bills are expected to be debated on the floor.

**GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES****DAILY REPORT**

Monday, April 12, 2010

34th Legislative Day

TODAY ON THE FLOOR**MOTIONS TO DISAGREE****HB 947 - Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010**

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill makes certain changes to the General Appropriations Act that was approved on May 11, 2009. It will provide appropriated sums of money for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010.

- **Authored By:** Rep. David Ralston of the 7th

- **House Committee:** Appropriations

- **A motion to disagree sends this bill back to the Senate for consideration. Should the Senate insist on its position, then the process of a Conference Committee will begin.**

RULES CALENDAR**HR 1449 - Georgia Composite Medical Board; surgery and anesthesia; establish regulations; urge**

- BILL SUMMARY: This resolution urges the Georgia Composite Medical Board to create rules for office-based surgeries.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Sharon Cooper of the 41st

- **House Committee:** Health & Human Services

- **Rule:** Open

- **Yeas:** 152; **Nays:** 7

SB 353 - Controlled Substances; Schedule I, II, IV, and V; definition of "dangerous drug"; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 353 amends 16-13 to classify new drugs into their respective schedules, as well reclassify certain drugs to different schedules. The bill adds Chlorophenylpiperazine (CPP) to the list of schedule I drugs, Tapentadol to the list of schedule II drugs, Fospropofol to the list of schedule IV, and Lacosamide to the list of schedule V drugs.

Additionally numerous drugs are added to the "dangerous drug list", which means that a prescription is required for a patient to receive the drug but is not covered in any of the schedules of controlled drugs. Schedule I, II, III, IV, and V are determined by the DEA and the FDA based upon potential for abuse, currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and international treaties. This is the annual drug list update bill.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Earl "Buddy" Carter of the 1st

- **House Committee:** Health & Human Services

- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

- **Yeas:** 157; **Nays:** 3

SB 436 - Retirement; repeal certain obsolete and inoperative provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill repeals certain obsolete and inoperative provisions from Title 47.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Bill Heath of the 31st

- **House Committee:** Retirement

- **Rule:** Modified-Open

- **Yeas:** 160; **Nays:** 3

SB 455 - State Properties Code; modifying certain provisions; acquiring real property through commission

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill amends Title 50, Chapter 16 relating to the acquisition of real property through the State Properties Commission. The bill clarifies current language of code section 50-16-38, clarifying the amount of real property acquisitions requiring SPC approval, and increases the efficiency with which the SPC can provide executed deeds to local governments who need them to clear titles.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Johnny Grant of the 25th
- **House Committee:** State Institutions & Property
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 161; **Nays:** 0

SR 1083 - Public Property; conveyance; 11 counties

- BILL SUMMARY: This Resolution authorizes the State of Georgia, acting through its State Properties Commission to convey certain State owned properties.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Johnny Grant of the 25th
- **House Committee:** State Institutions & Property
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 162; **Nays:** 0

NOTES

* **HB 374 was postponed for debate until the next legislative day**

* *The House will reconvene Tuesday, April 13, at 1:00 PM, for its 35th Legislative Day*

COMMITTEE ON RULES

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 35th Legislative Day, Tuesday, April 13, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.

TOMORROW ON THE FLOOR

SB 369 - Buildings/Local Gov't; modify agencies/instrumentalities in which housing authorities/political subdivisions can invest funds

- BILL SUMMARY: Senate Bill 369 provides more options for local governments to invest reserve funds in to new investment opportunities.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Bill Hamrick of the 30th
- **House Committee:** State Planning & Community Affairs
- **House Committee Passed:** 4/1/2010
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 392 - Education; require educational institutions to verify motor common/contract carriers properly certified; transportation of students

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 392 requires educational institutions that receive state money to verify that motor common or contract carriers (charter buses) are properly certified prior to entering into an agreement for the transportation of students.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Jack Murphy of the 27th
- **House Committee:** Motor Vehicles
- **House Committee Passed:** 4/1/2010
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 397 - "Blue Alert"; create state-wide system to speed the apprehension of violent criminals; local, state, and federal law enforcement officers

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 397 establishes a state-wide alert system known as "Blue Alert" for when a law enforcement officer is injured by a perpetrator who has not been apprehended.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Jeff Mullis of the 53rd
- **House Committee:** Public Safety and Homeland Security
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/31/2010
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

* *The Rules Committee will next meet on Tuesday, April 13, at 12:00 PM*

COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

Agriculture & Consumer Affairs

SB 237 - Commerce/Trade; prohibit pricing practices during an abnormal market disruption; petroleum products; define terms

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 237 will require the Governor to specify what goods and services cannot increase their prices during a state of emergency. Currently, all previously listed goods and services are automatically frozen, even if they are not directly affected by the state of emergency.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Jeff Mullis of the 53rd

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight

SB 1 - Zero-Base Budgeting Act; provide for the application

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation amends part of the Georgia Code related to the "Budget Act," by eliminating provisions concerning the annual continuation budget report, and providing the application of zero based budgeting to the budgeting process. It also provides analysis of department and program objectives, considers alternative funding levels, and develops priority lists for departments. The presentation of alternative funding levels does not, however, relieve the obligation of the Governor to present a recommended budget that is balanced. These changes will apply to the budget presented to the General Assembly in January 2011 and each year after, and affect no more than one-third but no less than one-quarter of all programs in the most recently passed General Appropriations Act.

- **Authored By:** Sen. David Shafer of the 48th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight

SB 389 - State Auditor; website of Dept. of Audits and Accounts; applicable to public information; operation, maintenance; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation amends sections of the Georgia Code known as the Transparency in Government Act. It changes reporting requirements of the Department of Audits and Accounts by mandating the creation of a public information website that will display: the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; the annual Budgetary Compliance Report; the annual State of Georgia Single Audit Report; salaries and expenses of all employees and board members; a list of consultant and professional services expenses; State Budget in brief, indexed by reporting agency; all performance audits conducted by the department for the preceding five years; and an indexed listing of all agencies and end users receiving federal funding and their expenditures. At the close of each fiscal year, information will be added to the website that shows grant and contract payments made or due to vendors by agencies, including all payments made through economic and incentive programs operated by the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Labor, the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Agriculture, and the Georgia Lottery Corporation for state fiscal year 2009 and each year after. Available information will include a list of all obligations entered into by the agency in excess of \$50,000, as well as the names of individuals or corporations receiving more than \$20,000 in the preceding fiscal year.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Jim Butterworth of the 50th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight

SB 421 - Budget/Financial Affairs; Revenue Shortfall Reserve; not exceed 15 percent of previous year's net revenue for any fiscal year

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill prohibits the Revenue Shortfall Reserve from exceeding 15 percent of the previous fiscal year's net revenue for any given fiscal year.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Jack Hill of the 4th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight

SB 478 - State Accounting Office; direct the officer to contract with a third party to audit state contracts for purpose of recovering certain funds

- BILL SUMMARY: Senate bill 478 calls for the State Accounting Officer to enter into a contract with a third party for the purpose of performing an audit and to collect inadvertent overpayments by state agencies to vendors. The third party will be compensated no more than 20% of the amount of funds recovered following the return of said funds to the state accounting officer. Any federal funds will be returned to the originating agency, nonfederal funds will be deposited into the State Treasury. Each year, beginning December 31, 2010, the state accounting officer will submit a report regarding the audit's findings to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and the affected agencies. State administered health plans including Medicaid, PeachCare, state employees' health insurance or public school system insurance plans will not be affected by these changes.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Mitch Seabaugh of the 28th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight

SB 480 - State Council of Economic Advisors; creation; provide composition, duties, and responsibilities

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation calls for the creation of the State Council of Economic Advisors. The Council will consist of five members, three of which will be appointed by the Governor, one by the Speaker of the House and one by the President of the Senate. Each member must either be an economist or have expertise in Georgia state revenues. The council will be charged with determining the amount of unappropriated surplus expected to have accrued in the state treasury and anticipated revenue collections for the next fiscal year. The Governor is authorized to reduce these estimates after they've been submitted, but cannot increase figures without the agreement of the council.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Jack Hill of the 4th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight

SB 502 - Public Officers; provide all nonelected members of state authorities, boards or other bodies; compensated only for actual expenses

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation amends the process by which members of state authorities, boards, commissions, or other bodies that are not elected public officers by prohibiting expense allowances, per diems, or any other form of compensation that is not an actual transportation cost associated with a meeting of that group.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Jack Hill of the 4th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Health & Human Services

SB 252 - Polysomnography Practice Act; provide for the certification of polysomnographic technologists

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation enables the Georgia Composite Medical Board to establish a monitoring and rehabilitation program for impaired physicians. Additionally the legislation allows the Medical Board to contract with entities to conduct such programs.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Don Thomas of the 54th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Health & Human Services

SB 315 - Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act; enactment; definitions; regulations

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation creates a registration system so that health professionals can register with the system so that during a state of emergency in the state these professionals can come into Georgia and perform volunteer services. These professionals will work for no compensation and are given a certain level of immunity from civil punishments, for such services. Health professionals who participate in this program must be in good standing with their home state's governing body, and must follow the scope of practice set forth within Georgia.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Preston W. Smith of the 52nd

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Health & Human Services

SB 435 - "Diabetes and Health Improvement Act of 2010"; enact; establish Georgia Diabetes Control Office; board of trustees

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation creates the office of Georgia Diabetes Control Office within Division of Public Health of the Department of Community Health, whose purpose is to develop, implement, and promote a statewide effort to combat the proliferation of Type 1 diabetes, Type 2 diabetes, and pre-diabetes. A seven member advisory group is to give direction to the office, membership will include: A physician licensed in this state; A registered nurse licensed in this state; A dietician licensed in this state; A diabetes educator; A pharmacist licensed in this state; A representative of the business community; and a consumer who suffers from diabetes. Subject to appropriations, the board will have the power to issue two separate types of grants for increasing diabetes education and understanding within the state.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Don Thomas of the 54th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Health & Human Services

SB 458 - Safety Belts; eliminate certain exceptions to the required use of safety belts

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation requires that passengers and drivers in pick up trucks wear seat belts. An exception is provided for agriculture use, as far as it is not required that farm personnel is not required to wear seat belt while in the course of normal and usual actions relating to agriculture.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Don Thomas of the 54th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 1285 - Bibb County; levy excise tax; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize Bibb County to levy a hotel/motel pending adoption of a general law which will allow Macon and Bibb County to increase their hotel motel tax from 6% to 7% so that an amount equal to the 6% levy will continue to be spent for the same purposes as they are being used for now, and the additional 1% will be used to fund the local halls of fame and Douglass Theatre.

- **Authored By:** Rep. David Lucas of the 139th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 1286 - Macon, City of; levy excise tax; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize the City of Macon to levy a hotel/motel pending adoption of a general law which will allow Macon and Bibb County to increase their hotel motel tax from 6% to 7% so that an amount equal to the 6% levy will continue to be spent for the same purposes as they are being used for now, and the additional 1% will be used to fund the local halls of fame and Douglass Theatre.

- **Authored By:** Rep. David Lucas of the 139th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 1484 - Byron, City of; corporate city limits; change

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to change the corporate limits of the City of Byron.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tony Sellier of the 136th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 1485 - Kingsland, City of; corporate city limits; change

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to change the corporate limits of the City of Kingsland.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Cecily Hill of the 180th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HR 1890 - Augusta-Richmond County; form youth advisory council; encourage

- BILL SUMMARY: A Resolution to encourage the governing authority of Augusta-Richmond County and the Richmond County School District to work with the state Representatives and Senators representing the citizens of Augusta-Richmond County to form a youth advisory council and to call for community support to do so.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Henry "Wayne" Howard of the 121st

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

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



COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<u>Environmental Quality Subcommittee of Natural Resources</u>	403 CAP
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<u>SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY</u>	506 CLOB
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	341 CAP
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<u>GAME, FISH & PARKS</u>	403 CAP
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<u>HIGHER EDUCATION</u>	515 CLOB
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM</u>	415 CLOB
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>	506 CLOB
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	<u>EDUCATION</u>	406 CLOB
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	<u>WAYS & MEANS</u>	606 CLOB
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<u>INSURANCE</u>	415 CLOB
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<u>RULES</u>	341 CAP
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<u>JUDICIARY CIVIL</u>	132 CAP- or Upon Adjournment
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<u>Resource Management Subcommittee of Natural Resources</u>	216 CAP- or Upon Adjournment

* This broadcast schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meetings dates and times are subject to change. To keep up with the latest schedule please visit the General Assembly website www.legis.ga.gov and click on House Meetings. To view the live stream of these meetings, please visit the Georgia Legislative Network.