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GENERAL COMMENTS

I survived my first crossover day! At last count, the House voted on approximately 66 bills and wrapped up crossover day on Friday, March 3rd around 10:45PM. There are lots of updates to bills this week after crossover day. The Legislature was in session on Monday, Thursday and Friday of this week to complete the 31st Day of the 40-day session.

As you may know, crossover day is the last day for legislation to pass the chamber in which it was introduced and transfer to the other chamber for consideration. In rare instances, a bill may be attached to another piece of legislation from the same Code section that was crossed over by the required timeframe; however, this brings into play a process by which the bill must be reviewed and approved by both chambers. While this is rare, CBA will continue to monitor bills throughout the remainder of the session to make sure no controversial topics are introduced or added to other bills that would adversely impact community banks.

CBA PRIORITY BILLS

[HB 192—Business Judgment Rule/Director Liability](#), by Rep. Beth Beskin (R), Atlanta, was passed by the House on March 3rd with a vote of 128-40. The bill was read by the Senate and assigned to the [Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee](#) chaired by Sen. William T. Ligon, Jr. We urge you to contact the members of this Committee and ask for their favorable vote on HB 192 as passed by the House. CBA will continue to monitor and support this bill.

[HB 143—Financial Institutions](#), (the DBF’s housekeeping bill) by Rep. Bruce Williamson (R), Monroe, was passed by the Senate Banking and Financial Institutions committee on March 1st. The bill has been asked for during Senate Rules and we hope that it will be put on the Senate Floor calendar within the next several days of the session. CBA will continue to monitor and support this bill.

[HB 221—Powers of Attorney](#), by Rep. Chuck Efstration (R), Dacula, was passed by the House on March 3rd with a vote of 170-0. The bill was read by the Senate on March 6th and assigned to the Judiciary Committee. CBA is still working with the sponsor regarding making minor revisions to the bill; however, we remain supportive of this legislation.

LEGISLATION WE ARE TRACKING THAT HAD ACTIVITY THIS WEEK

[HB 49—Livestock Dealer and Auctions](#), by Rep. Clay Pirkle (R), Ashburn, was asked for in Senate Rules on March 6th. Senate Rules will determine when/if the bill will be scheduled for a vote on the Senate Floor.

[HB 197—Fair Business Practices Act](#), by Rep. Sam Teasley (R), Marietta, was passed by the House on March 3rd. The Senate read the bill and it was assigned to the Judiciary Committee. CBA will continue to monitor this bill.

[HB 337—State Tax Execution Modernization Act](#), by Rep. Bruce Williamson (R), Monroe, was passed by the House on March 1st by substitute. The bill was read by the Senate on March 3rd and was assigned to the Finance Committee. CBA will continue to monitor this bill.

[HB 357—Georgia Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act](#), by Rep. Ron Stephens (R), Savannah, was passed by the House on March 1st by substitute. The bill was read by the Senate on March 3rd and was assigned to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee approved the bill on March 8th. CBA will continue to monitor this bill.

[HB 412—Electronic Lien and Title Commercial Vehicles](#), by Rep. Timothy Barr (R), Lawrenceville, was passed by the House on March 3rd. The bill was read by the Senate on March 6th and was assigned to the Public Safety Committee. CBA will continue to monitor this bill.

[HB 434—Eminent Domain](#), by Rep. Wendell Willard (R), Sandy Springs, was passed by the House on March 3rd. The bill was read by the Senate on March 6th and was assigned to the Judiciary Committee. CBA will continue to monitor this bill.

[HB 441—Self-Settled Spendthrift Trusts](#), by Rep. Barry Fleming (R), Harlem, was passed by the House on March 3rd. The bill was read by the Senate on March 6th and was assigned to the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee. CBA will continue to monitor this bill.

[HB 523—Industrial Loans](#), by Rep. Brian Strickland (R), McDonough, was passed by the Industry and Loan Committee on March 2nd. The bill was passed by the House on March 3rd. The bill was read by the Senate on March 6th and was assigned to the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee. CBA will continue to monitor this bill.

[SB 71—Bankruptcy Exemptions](#), by Sen. Jesse Stone (R), Waynesboro, was passed by Judiciary Committee on March 9th. CBA will continue to monitor this bill.

[SB 87—Bankruptcy Exemptions](#), by Sen. Jesse Stone (R), Waynesboro, was passed by the Judiciary Committee on March 9th. CBA will continue to monitor this bill.

[SB 134—Save, Earn, Win Act](#), by Sen. David Shafer (R), Duluth, was passed by the Senate on March 3rd. The bill was read by the House on March 6th and was assigned to the Banks & Banking Committee. CBA will continue to monitor this bill.

[SR 318—Senate Cyber Challenge Study Committee](#), by Sen. Harold Jones, II (D), Augusta, was read by the Senate on February 27th and was assigned to the Science and Technology Committee. CBA will monitor activities of this committee.

LEGISLATION THAT DID NOT CROSS OVER DURING SESSION

[HB 12 – Money Transmission Transactions](#), by Rep. Jeff Jones (R), Brunswick.

[HB 27 - Foreclosure Cure Act](#), by Rep. Billy Mitchell (D), Stone Mountain.

[HB 66—Money Transmissions Transactions](#), by Rep. Jeff Jones (R), Brunswick.

[HB 82—Personal Information; Notice Required When Data Released to Unauthorized Persons](#), by Rep. Sheri Gilligan (R), Cumming.

[HB 120—Notary Public Revisions](#), by Rep. Andrew Welch (R), McDonough.

[HB 121—Trust Powers Revision](#), by Rep. Chuck Efstration (R), Dacula.

[HB 122—Uniform Statutory Rule Against Perpetuities](#), by Rep. Chuck Efstration (R), Dacula.

[HB 190—Marriages](#), by Rep. Meagan Hanson (R), Brookhaven, was withdrawn by the House and recommitted.

[HB 327—Alternative Ad Valorem Tax on Motor Vehicles](#), by Rep. Jay Powell (R), Camilla.

[HB 353—Title Pawn](#), by Rep. Brett Harrell (R), Snellville, failed a House floor vote 57-107 and was sent back to House Rules. The bill was withdrawn by the House and recommitted.

[HB 410--Estoppel Letters](#), by Rep. Sam Teasley (R), Marietta, changed authors and is now sponsored by Rep. Alan Powell (R), Hartwell; however, the bill did not crossover.

[HB 417—Abandoned Motor Vehicles](#), by Rep. Wendell Willard (R), Sandy Springs.

[HB 456—Acquisition and Loss of Property](#), by Rep. Debra Bazemore (D), Riverdale.

[HB 459—Illegal and Void Contracts](#), by Rep. Sam Teasley (R), Marietta.

[HB 488—Discrimination in Housing, Public Accommodations, and Employment](#), by Rep. Stacey Evans (D), Smyrna.

[HB 499—Georgia Personal Data Security Act](#), by Rep. Sheri Gilligan (R), Cumming.

[SB 86—Foreclosure Confirmation Waiver Prohibition](#), by Sen. Jesse Stone (R), Waynesboro.

[SB 120—Property Deeds](#), by William Ligon, Jr. (R), Brunswick.

[SB 187—Assessments Against Lot Owners](#), by Sen. Donzella James (D), Atlanta.

[SB 194—Garnishments](#), by Sen. Jesse Stone (R), Waynesboro.

[SB 198—Industrial Loans](#), by Sen. Elena Parent (D), Atlanta.

[SB 213—Banking Improvement Zones](#), by Sen. Joshua McKoon (R), Columbus.

FINAL COMMENTS

For a recap of key legislative issues throughout the session, please follow CBA's weekly *Legislative Updates* sponsored by James-Bates-Brannan-Groover-LLP, CBA's General Counsel, and provide us with any feedback you have. If you have questions about legislative issues or specific bills, please do not hesitate to contact [Rob Braswell](#) or [Lori Godfrey](#) by email or by calling the CBA office at (770) 541-4490 / (800) 648-8215. We continue to welcome and appreciate comments and input from community bankers regarding specific legislation and legislative issues.

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