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GENERAL COMMENTS

The Legislature was in session this week on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday completing the 35th day of a 40-day session. Committee meetings were abundant this week as the legislature worked hard to move bills out of committees and get the bills ready and eligible for a vote on the floor. We continue to monitor both the House and Senate Rules Committees to see if bills that we are tracking make it to the calendar for a vote. Only five days are left for final passage of bills, but there is still a lot of work to be accomplished.

LEGISLATION WE ARE TRACKING THAT HAD ACTIVITY THIS WEEK

[HB 121—Trust Powers Revision](#), by Rep. Chuck Efstrotation (R), Dacula, received a motion do pass by the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 12th.

[HB 190—Marriages](#), by Rep. Meagan Hanson (R), Brookhaven, received a motion do pass by the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 14th.

[HB 357—Georgia Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act](#), by Rep. Ron Stephens (R), Savannah, received a motion do pass by substitute by the Senate Finance Committee on March 14th.

[HB 381—Abandoned Mobile Home Act](#), by Rep. John Corbett (R), Lake Park, received a motion do pass by substitute by the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 12th. The bill has been placed on the Senate Rules Calendar for Monday, March 19th.

[HB 410—Estoppel Letters](#), by Rep. Alan Powell (R), Hartwell, was heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 14th. No action was taken on the bill by the Committee.

[HB 441—Self-Settled Spendthrift Trusts](#), by Rep. Barry Fleming (R), Harlem, was amended on the Senate floor on March 12th. The bill passed as a substitute by the Senate with a vote of 41-11 on March 12th. Since the bill was amended in the Senate, the House must now agree to the changes made in the Senate before going to the Governor for signature.

[HB 780—Financial Institutions](#), by Rep. Bruce Williamson (R), Monroe, was presented to the Senate Banking & Financial Institutions Committee on March 13th. Amendments were made to the parity provisions to address concerns voiced by Georgia Watch and the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association. The bill received a do pass motion by substitute by the Senate Banking & Financial Institutions on March 13th.

[HB 818—Insurance](#), by Rep. Lee Hawkins (R), Gainesville, received a do pass motion by the Senate Insurance and Labor Committee on March 12th.

[HB 834—Landlord and Tenant](#), by Rep. Mandi Ballinger (R), Canton, received a do pass motion by substitute by the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 14th.

[HB 866—Commerce and Trade](#), by Rep. Scot Turner (R), Holly Springs, received a do pass motion by the Senate Banking & Financial Institutions Committee on March 13th.

[HB 897—Georgia Power of Attorney Act](#), by Rep. Chuck Efstration (R), Dacula, has been placed on the Senate Rules Calendar for Monday, March 19th.

[HB 1036—Fulton County; Superior Court](#), by Rep. Chuck Martin, (R), Alpharetta, was passed by the House with a vote of 156-0 on March 14th. We held discussions with the author of the bill just prior to the vote in the House expressing our concerns with the bill. The bill would only apply to Fulton County. We believe this issue needs to be addressed at the state level and not at the local level so that there is a consistent process for all counties within Georgia. Concerns were also raised about potential title insurance issues if the tax parcel identification number were incorrect or missing from the document. The author of the bill worked with us to change the language within the bill to mitigate our concerns from a title insurance standpoint. The bill will now be presented to the Senate as a substitute bill. We appreciate the author's willingness to address our concerns. We will continue to monitor this bill.

[HR 993—Business Courts](#), by Rep. Chuck Efstration, (R), Dacula, was presented to the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 12th. No action was taken on the bill at the Committee meeting.

[HR 1374—House Study Committee on Professional Licensing Boards Operations and Funding](#), by Rep. Brett Harrell, (R), Snellville, received a do pass motion by the House Special Rules Committee on March 15th.

[SB 2—The FAST Act – Fairness, Accountability, Simplification, and Transparency – Empowering Our Small Businesses to Succeed](#), by Sen. Mike Dugan (R), Carrollton. The Senate voted on March 14th to disagree with the House substitute for the bill. A conference committee will be assigned to see if a final resolution can be agreed to by all parties.

[SB 301—Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act](#), by Sen. John Kennedy (R), Macon, has been placed on the House Rules Debate Calendar for Monday, March 19th.

[SB 315—Computer Crimes](#), by Sen. Bruce Thompson (R), White, was heard by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Setzler Subcommittee on March 14th. There were a number of amendments made to the bill. The bill received a motion do pass by substitute by the Subcommittee. The bill must now be presented to the Houses Judiciary Non-Civil Full Committee.

[SB 338—Administrative Procedures](#), by Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (R), Brunswick, received a motion do pass by substitute by the House Judiciary Committee on March 15th.

[SB 358—Establishment of Banking Improvement Zones](#)—by Sen. Michael ‘Doc’ Rhett (D), Marietta, received a motion do pass by the House Banks & Banking Committee on March 12th.

[SB 376—Identity Theft](#), by Sen. David Shafer (R), Duluth, received a motion do pass by the House Banks & Banking Committee on March 12th.

[SB 432—Georgia Tax Credit Business Case Act](#), by Sen. John Albers (R), Alpharetta. The language from this bill was inserted into [HB 93—Sales and Use Tax](#), by Rep. John Corbett (R), Lake Park, in the Senate Finance Committee on March 14th. The bill received a do pass motion by substitute by the Senate Finance Committee on March 14th.

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 or questions that you may have. You can also review legislation that we are tracking on our [website](#). If you have any questions before or during the session, please 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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