



2-27-2026 GHLA Capitol Report Week 7

Welcome to GHLA @ the Capitol, your weekly update about news you need to know related to Georgia's lodging industry and the 2026 General Assembly. GHLA's legislative team will be your eyes and ears under the Gold Dome.

Tourism Day at The Capitol - Thursday, March 5th

This Thursday is Tourism Day at the Capitol. Hospitality and tourism leaders from across Georgia will gather under the Gold Dome to highlight the economic impact of our industry and reinforce the importance of tourism to communities statewide.

The official program will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda and will feature remarks from industry leaders, legislative champions, and Governor Kemp. Immediately following the program, attendees will participate in a large group photo on the Capitol steps, providing a strong visual showing of unity across Georgia's hospitality industry. Members are encouraged to attend, connect with fellow tourism partners, and meet with their elected officials throughout the afternoon. An evening reception with elected officials will follow at the Railroad Depot across from the Capitol.

To register, [click here](#). You are welcome to attend any portion of the day that your schedule allows.

Crossover Day - Legislative Day 28

Next Friday marks Crossover Day (Legislative Day 28). This is one of the most significant deadlines of the session, as bills must pass out of their chamber of origin to remain viable. The week ahead will be fast-moving, with lawmakers working extended hours to advance priority legislation before the deadline.

SB 522 - Rental Car Fee for Tourism Funding

SB 522 was heard this week in the Senate Finance Committee. The GHLA team testified in support of the legislation. No vote was taken, and we will continue monitoring the bill closely as it awaits further committee action.

The proposal would establish a new \$5 per day fee on rental motor vehicles, with a portion of proceeds made available for tourism-related purposes, subject to appropriations. We remain engaged as discussions continue.



GHLA's President and CEO, Chris Hardman (right), testifies in strong support of SB522 joined by tourism partner, TLC President and CEO, Michael Owens (left)

SB 570 - Human Trafficking Prevention Training (Senate Version)

SB 570, sponsored by Senator Shawn Still, is the Senate companion to HB 490 and would require standardized human trafficking prevention training for hotel and short-term rental properties. The bill has been assigned to the Senate Public Safety Committee. GHLA stands ready to testify in support once it is heard.

HB 490 - Human Trafficking Prevention Training

HB 490 has been called back to the House Economic Development and Tourism Committee for a fourth and final hearing. GHLA testified in support earlier in the process and continues working closely with the bill sponsor to perfect the language ahead of final committee consideration.

HB 61 - "No Pay, No Stay"

We are actively working to move HB 61, the "No Pay, No Stay" legislation, to the Senate floor this week. This measure remains a top priority, and GHLA is coordinating with aligned organizations to strengthen support as the bill advances toward final Senate consideration.

Additional Legislation Being Tracked

HB 1179 – Hotel-Motel Tax Accountability

HB 1178 – Stop Online Booking Scams Act

We remain fully engaged with bill sponsors, committee leadership, and stakeholders to ensure Georgia's hospitality industry remains well-positioned during this critical stage of the legislative session.

Legislative Tracking Update:

House Bills:

[HB 1404](#) - Pooler, City of; levy an excise tax

[HB 1407](#) - Civil Practice Act; scheduling of civil trials; provide

[HB 1414](#) - Limited liability companies; permit creation of protected series and registered series

[HB 1415](#) - Stone Mountain Memorial Association; hold all real property obtained before January 1, 1971, in trust; require

[HB 1416](#) - Income tax; exclude tips from taxation

[HB 1418](#) - Georgia Resource Exchange and Sharing for Community Uplift and Emergency Resilience (RESCUER) Act; enact

[HB 1425](#) - Worker Tariff Relief Program Act; enact

[HB 1430](#) - Community Health, Department of; license supportive senior housing communities; provide

[HB 1434](#) - Aviation; air facilities; identification of airport affected areas; provide

[HB 1436](#) - Georgia Keep Violent Criminals Off Our Streets Act; enact

[HB 1438](#) - Tariff Transition Advisory Councils Act; enact

[HB 1441](#) - Trade Impact Transparency and Accountability Act; enact

[HB 1442](#) - Local government; local moratoria shall not apply to certain properties in certain circumstances; provide

[HB 1444](#) - Sales and use tax; require each sales tax return include specific information

[HB 1448](#) - Georgia Local Government Finance Authority Act; enact

[HB 1449](#) - Georgia Gold Standard Opportunity Grant Act of 2026; enact

[HB 1451](#) - Community Affairs, Department of; local governments and nonprofit organizations to incentivize households to relocate from outside this state to local governments in this state; provide

[HB 1453](#) - Jeff Davis County; levy an excise tax

[HB 1454](#) - Crimes and offenses; firearms and carrying and possession of firearms and other weapons; revise various laws

[HB 1455](#) - Labor, Department of; review and validate employment status of 1099 tax returns filed by employers on behalf of employees; establish a commission

[HB 1457](#) - Ad valorem tax; preferential assessment of affordable home use property; provide

[HB 1462](#) - Columbus Music Commission Act; enact

[HB 1463](#) - Motor vehicles; peer-to-peer car-sharing program; add damage to the owner's vehicle to the program's liability

[HB 1464](#) - Labor, Department of; review and validate employment status of 1099 tax returns filed by employers on behalf of employees; establish a commission

[HB 1466](#) - Alcoholic beverages; satellite tasting rooms operated by brewers; provide

[HB 1468](#) - Georgia Property Tax Fairness Fund; create

[HB 1470](#) - Torts; abusive litigation based on alleged website access violations under federal and state law; create a cause of action

[HB 1472](#) - Income tax; term "small business"; revise definition

[HB 1473](#) - Local government; prohibit elected officials of a county, municipal corporation, or any county-municipal consolidated government from entering into nondisclosure agreements with private entities relating to economic development

[HB 1476](#) - Income tax; credits for postproduction expenditures; revise amount of credit

[HB 1480](#) - Georgia Medicare for All Act; enact

House Resolutions:

[HR 1445](#) - Georgia Building Authority team; continued historical preservation of the Georgia State Capitol; urge

[HR 1472](#) - General Assembly; assessment and taxation of affordable housing use property; provide - CA

[HR 1473](#) - House Study Committee on Lupus; create

[HR 1475](#) - Joint Study Committee on Modified Exhaust Systems on Motor Vehicles; create

[HR 1503](#) - General Assembly; expend or authorize expenditure of public funds for Georgia Property Tax Fairness Fund; provide by law - CA

[HR 1504](#) - General Assembly; provide by general law for an income tax system; require - CA

Senate Bills:

[SB 541](#) - Property; the placement of wheel restraints on trespassing motor vehicles; prohibit

[SB 547](#) - Offenses of Pimping and Pandering; modify the penalties

[SB 549](#) - Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; covered governmental entities from providing funding or resources in support of the operation of immigration detention centers; prohibit

[SB 551](#) - Standard, Labeling, and Adulteration of Food; eggs; repeal provisions

[SB 553](#) - Professions and Businesses; repeal Chapter 14, relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors and enact a new Chapter 14

[SB 559](#) - "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975"; any person from facilitating noncompet

agreements between residential rental property owners or managers, including by use of algorithmic coordinating functions; prohibit

[SB 566](#) - Ad Valorem Taxation of Property; the acceptance of tax digests in the event of a publication error made by a newspaper; provide

[SB 567](#) - "Ellaville-Schley County Parks and Recreation Authority Act"; enact

[SB 570](#) - "Georgia Human Trafficking Prevention Training Act"; enact

[SB 571](#) - Online Internet Safety; age verification to access gambling content on the internet; require

[SB 576](#) - Ad Valorem Taxation; assessment of tangible real property used for community housing provider properties; provide

[SB 577](#) - "Coordinated PFAS Remediation Act"; enact

[SB 580](#) - Property; the minimum amount required for a foreclosure on a lien on a property under the "Georgia Condominium Act" and the "Georgia Property Owners' Association Act"; increase

[SB 583](#) - False Advertising; any person, firm, or corporation to display all fees associated with a consumer transaction when displaying the total price of a good; require

[SB 584](#) - Ad Valorem Tax; class action suits by taxpayers for refunds; prohibit

[SB 585](#) - Rates, Underwriting, and Related Organizations; certain disclosures in property and casualty insurance rate filings concerning climate related risk, catastrophe modeling, and reinsurance costs; require

[SB 592](#) - "One Strike Act"; enact

[SB 593](#) - Development Impact Fees; disclosure of impact fees upon transfer of ownership; provide

[SB 594](#) - Internet and E-mail Fraud; the criminal offense of digital identity fraud; establish

[SB 599](#) - Local Government Budgets and Audits; regulation of local governments in fiscal distress; provide

[SB 600](#) - "Georgia Corporate Power Reset Act"; enact

[SB 603](#) - "Georgia Insurance Consumer and Policyholder Advocacy Act"; enact

[SB 604](#) - Crimes and Offenses; the Attorney General concurrent jurisdiction with district attorneys to conduct criminal prosecutions of violent crimes, illegal immigration offenses, and fentanyl offenses; provide

[SB 608](#) - Administration of Estates; summary administration of certain estates; provide

[SB 611](#) - "Georgia Landowners Protection Act"; enact

Senate Resolutions:

[SR 875](#) - State-Wide Grand Juries; jurisdiction, powers, and duties; provide -CA

[SR 882](#) - Department of Community Affairs; to refrain from adopting the 2024

International Energy Conservation Code in order to protect housing affordability and maintain the current energy code framework of this state; urge