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SENATE REGULATED INDUSTRIES
AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE
RULES
2013—2014 TERM

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be six (6) members.
2. The Chair shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered.
3. The Chair shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to subcommittees for study. Such subcommittees in turn shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, put all questions, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.
5. Any member or members of the committee who disagree with the majority report of the committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire.
6. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the committee.
7. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after a presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or the Chairman designates to do so. In the event more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
8. Substitutes and amendments shall be provided to the Chairman at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hearing. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on any substitute or amendment not provided in advance.
9. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

SENATE REGULATED INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE met in Room 450 of the State Capitol Building, Wednesday, January 15, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jack Murphy, 27th, Chairman
Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Vice Chairman
Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, Secretary
Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th
Senator Ed Harbison, 15th
Senator Jack Hill, 4th
Senator Judson Hill, 32nd
Senator Rick Jeffares, 17th
Senator Burt Jones, 25th
Senator David Lucas, 26th
Senator Cecil Staton, 18th
Senator Steve Henson, 41st District – Ex-Officio
Senator David Shafer, 48th District – Ex-Officio
Senator Renee Unterman, 45th District – Ex-Officio

Chairman Murphy, 27th, called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. The Chairman introduced himself and the members of the committee followed with introductions. The rules of the committee were discussed. Senator Unterman, 45th, made a motion to adopt the Rules and Senator Hill, 32nd, seconded the motion. The motion carried 13-0.

SB 24, by Senator Bethel, 54th, "**Hospital Medicaid Financing Program Act**"; enact
Senator Bethel, 54th, offered a substitute LC 33 4885-ECS and presented the bill to the committee.

Mr. David Tatum, from Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta; Jimmy Lewis, from Home Town Health Care; Ethan James, from Georgia Hospital Association; Julie Windom, from Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals, and Matthew Hicks, from Grady Health Systems all spoke in favor of the bill.

Senator Shafer, 48th, moved to adopt two amendments:

AM 33 1261 Amend the substitute to SB 24 (LC 33 4885-ECS) by inserting after “assess” on line 35 the following: “, by board rule.”. By inserting between lines 50 and 51 the following: “(a.1) The General Assembly shall have the authority to override any provider payment assessed by the board pursuant to this Code Section in accordance with the procedures contained in subsection (f) of Code Section 50-13-4.” By striking “June 30, 2018” on line 102 and inserting in its place “June 30, 2017”.

AM 33 1262 Amend the substitute to SB 24 (LC 33 4885-ECS) by adding to the end of line 62 the following: Any funds deposited into a segregated account pursuant to this article shall be subject to appropriation by the General Assembly.

Senator Staton, 18th, seconded the motion. The amendments passed 13-0. Senator Chance, 16th, made a motion that **SB 24 “DO PASS by Substitute”**. Senator Unterman, 45th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 10-3. Senator Henson, 41st, Senator McKoon, 29th, and Senator Lucas, 26th, voted against the bill. Senator Henson, 41st, filed a Minority report.

SB 24 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

Senator Steve Henson
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DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The State Senate
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

IN THE MATTER OF SENATE BILL 24 AS SUBSTITUTED AND AMENDED- REFERRED TO AS THE “HOSPITAL MEDICAID FINANCING PROGRAM ACT”

REPORT OF THE MINORITY

Pursuant to Section 2-1.6(a) this report sets forth the reasons for the dissent of the Minority to SB 24 and its substitute and amendments.

HISTORY

In 2010, Georgia hospitals were faced with losing already tight Medicaid reimbursement. The state instituted a hospital provider tax, commonly known as the “hospital bed tax,” which is used to secure federal Medicaid dollars. The bed tax sunsets in 2013, and SB 24 has been introduced as a successor method of raising much needed revenue.

Senate Bill 24

SB 24 authorizes the Department of Community Health (DCH) to assess a tax on hospitals for the purpose of drawing down federal matching funds to pay for Medicaid patient visits. It is intended to follow the model of an existing Georgia health care mechanism for funding nursing homes. The bill tasks DCH with implementing a new bed tax to secure federal matching funds. There are several provisions for legislative oversight, but the bulk of the policy for the new tax will be left up to DCH. This bill has a sunset provision of June 30, 2017.

RATIONALE FOR DISSENT

Transparency

The most egregious problem with this legislation is the lack of transparency to the citizens of Georgia. Not only has this legislation has been rushed through the legislative committee process (before the public had access to the bill and a chance to study the new proposal) it was rushed through the entire legislative process before the authors completed the writing. The original version of the bill was not made available to the public until well after the close of business on Monday, January 14, 2013 (approximately 9.p.m.) and a committee substitute offered the following day had significant changes. The

bill, still not in its final form, required amendments in committee. After performing due diligence, it is clear that there are still significant oversights and drafting errors in the bill as reported by the committee.

Lack of Government Oversight

Delegation of the oversight for tax collection of this tax to the DCH consolidates too much power within the Executive Branch, ignoring the responsibilities of the state legislature. It removes accountability from the elected representatives of the people of this State and puts it into the hands of the Governor's appointees and state employees. The amendments to this legislation are not sufficient to address the legislative oversight by merely adding additional layers of bureaucracy.

Furthermore, this legislation does not create a fixed tax rate to limit the ability of hospitals, many of which are non-profits with limited budget flexibility, to anticipate their actual tax liability.

Most importantly, there is no guarantee that the state will not cut general fund disbursements to Medicaid and have the DCH further raise the bed tax, increasing the tax burden on sick Georgians.

Constitutionality

Pursuant to the Georgia Constitution, all bills for raising revenue, or appropriating money, shall originate in the House of Representatives. (See Ga. Constitution, Art., Sec 5, paragraph 2: Bill for Revenue") This legislation is a revenue bill that originates in the Senate and is therefore unconstitutional.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

This bill contains serious defects and should not be passed by the Senate in its current form.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this 17th day of January 17, 2013

/s/ Stephen B. Henson
Senator Steve Henson

SENATE REGULATED INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jack Murphy, 27th, Chairman
Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, Secretary
Senator Ed Harbison, 15th
Senator Jack Hill, 4th
Senator Rick Jeffares, 17th
Senator Burt Jones, 25th
Senator David Shafer, 48th District – Ex-Officio

NOTE: Senators Chance, 16th, Ginn, 47th, Judson Hill, 32nd, David Lucas, 26th, Cecil Staton, 18th, Henson, 41st and Unterman, 45th were absent.

NOTE: Senator Ginn, 47th arrived at 3:18 p.m.

Chairman Murphy, 27th, called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

**SB 61, by Senator Stone, 23rd, “Georgia Self-service Storage Facility Act of 2013”;
change the due date for monthly rental payments**

Senator Stone, 23rd presented the bill to the committee and offered a change to line 4 to strike the words, “print or electronic” and insert on line 150 the word “non-automated” before the word response. Senator Ginn requested to strike the word “overseas” on line 224.

Chairman Murphy, 27th referred the bill to a subcommittee for further discussion. He assigned Senator Ginn, 47th as the subcommittee Chair and Senator Jones, 25th, and Senator Harbison, 15th, as members.

SB 61 REFERRED TO SUBCOMMITTEE

NOTE: Senator David Lucas, 26th arrived at 3:23 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Jack Hill, 4th left at 3:24 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Cecil Staton, 18th arrived at 3:25 p.m.

NOTE: Senator David Shafer, 48th left at 3:52 p.m.

NOTE: Senator David Lucas, 26th left at 3:54 p.m.

SB 117, by Senator Jeffares, 17th, **Blasting or Excavating Near Utility Facilities;
revise/add definitions**

Senator Jeffares, 17th presented the bill to the committee and offered a Substitute LC 36 2774ERS to strike the word “exceptions” on line 10 and replace it with the word “direction”. And to strike on line 241 “not be allowed to obstruct signs, pavement markings, pavement, or other safety devices as outlined in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control devices, Traffic Movements or Sight Distances on any Public Road or Roadway.” and to insert, “comply with the rules and regulations of the Department of Transportation as to the use of such markings so as to not obstruct signs, pavement markings, pavement, or other safety devices.”

Richard Lon with Atlanta Gas Light/GUCC and Meghan Wade with GA 811 spoke in favor of the bill. Commissioner Doug Everett and Tom Bond with Georgia Public Service Commission spoke to two concerns. 1) The definition of excavation on line 56 does not fit with federal law. 2) They would like paralleling on lines 438 and 439 put back into the language. Senator Ginn, 47th made a motion that **SB 117 “DO PASS by Substitute”**. Senator Harbison, 15th seconded the motion. The bill passed 6-0. (Senators Harbison, 15th, Jeffares, 17th, Jones, 25th, Ginn, 47th, Staton, 18th, and McKoon, 29th, voted in favor with none opposed.)

SB 117 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

SENATE REGULATED INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

SUB-COMMITTEE met in Room 318 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jack Murphy, 27th, Chairman
Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Vice Chairman
Senator Burt Jones, 25th

NOTE: Senator Ed Harbison, 15th was absent.

Sub-Chairman Ginn, 47th, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**SB 61 by Senator Stone, 23rd, “Georgia Self-service Storage Facility Act of 2013”;
change the due date for monthly rental payments**

Senator Stone, 23rd, presented the bill LC 29 5384 to the sub-committee. Scott MacGregor from Georgia Self-Storage Association spoke on the industry’s behalf and revisions to the bill were made. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion that the amended changes be reported back to the full committee. Senator Jones, 25th, seconded the motion and all members present agreed to the changes.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jack Murphy, 27th, Chairman

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

SENATE REGULATED INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Wednesday February 20, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jack Murphy, 27th, Chairman
Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Vice Chairman
Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, Secretary
Senator David Lucas, 26th
Senator Steve Henson, 41st District – Ex-Officio
Senator Renee Unterman, 45th District – Ex-Officio

NOTE: Senators Chance, 16th, Harbison, 15th, Hill, 4th, Hill, 32nd, Jeffares, 17th, Jones, 25th, Staton, 18th, and Shafer, 48th were absent.

NOTE: Senator Staton, 18th arrived at 1:09 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Chance, 16th arrived at 1:10 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Jones, 25th arrived at 1:13 p.m.

Chairman Murphy, 27th, called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. Sub-Committee Chair Ginn, 47th, favorably reported SB 61 back to the full Committee.

SB 61 by Senator Stone, 23rd, “Georgia Self-service Storage Facility Act of 2013”;
change the due date for monthly rental payments

Senator Stone, 23rd, offered a Substitute LC 36 2289S to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Unterman, 45th, made a motion that **SB 61 “DO PASS by SUBSTITUTE”**. Senator Ginn, 47th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 8-0.

SB 61 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

SENATE REGULATED INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE met in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Monday, February 25, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jack Murphy, 27th, Chairman
Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Vice Chairman
Senator Rick Jeffares, 17th
Senator Burt Jones, 25th
Senator Cecil Staton, 18th
Senator Steve Henson, 41st District – Ex-Officio

NOTE: Senators McKoon, 29th, Chance, 16th, Harbison, 15th, Hill, 4th, Hill, 32nd, Lucas, 26th, Shafer, 48th and Unterman, 45th were absent.

NOTE: Senator McKoon, 29th arrived at 3:11 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Staton, 18th left at 3:46 p.m.

Chairman Murphy, 27th, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Hearing Only: [SB 129](#), by Senator Henson, 41st, Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission; appointment of an executive director

Hearing Only: [SB 153](#), by Senator Henson, 41st, Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission; revise the method of appointments

Senator Henson, 41st presented both bills to the committee. Dr. James Hall from the United Athletic Boxing Association; Lee Palmer from Promoters of the States; David Oblas from Undisputed Productions and Senator James, 35th, spoke for the bill. Chuck Harper from the Secretary of the State's office spoke against the bill due to budgetary concerns.

Chairman Murphy, 27th, assigned **SB 129** and **SB 153** to a Sub-Committee for additional review. Senator Staton, 18th, was assigned to Chair the Committee with Senator McKoon, 29th, Senator Ginn, 47th and Senator Henson, 41st.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jack Murphy, 27th, Chairman

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

SENATE REGULATED INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Wednesday, February 27, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jack Murphy, 27th, Chairman
Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th
Senator Rick Jeffares, 17th
Senator Burt Jones, 25th
Senator Cecil Staton, 18th
Senator Steve Henson, 41st District – Ex-Officio
Senator David Shafer, 48th District – Ex-Officio

NOTE: Senators Ginn, 47th, McKoon, 29th, Harbison, 15th, Hill, 4th Hill, 32nd, Lucas, 26th and Unterman, 45th were absent.

NOTE: Senator Lucas, 26th arrived at 1:29 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Ginn, 47th arrived at 1:31 p.m.

NOTE: Senator McKoon, 29th arrived at 1:40 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Ginn, 47th left at 1:56 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Harbison, 15th arrived at 1:57 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Jeffares, 17th left at 2:02 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Henson, 41st left at 2:11 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Harbison, 15th left at 2:26 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Staton, 18th left at 2:33 p.m.

Chairman Murphy, 27th, called the meeting to order at 1:21 p.m.

SB 205, by Senator Crane, 28th, Professions/Businesses; change the expiration/renewal dates for certain licenses/certificates issued by certain professional licensing boards

Senator Crane, 28th, presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute LC 36 2320S. Michael Sullivan with the American Council of Engineering Companies; Megan Hanson with American Institute of Architects; Pam Burnett with the Georgia Association of Water Professionals; Bruce Widener with Conditioned Air Association; Sharon Dunn with Georgia Plumbing Association and Paul John with Georgia Independent Auto Dealers Association spoke against the bill. Chairman Murphy, 27th, did not call for a vote in order to allow the sponsor time to make revisions to the bill.

Hearing Only:

SB 169, by Senator Staton, 18th, Alcoholic Beverages; provide for retail dealers/retail consumption dealers to offer samples; provide terms and conditions

Senator Staton, 18th, presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute LC 36 2309S. Stony McGill from Georgia Alcohol Dealers; Mac Thurston from Mac's Beer and Wine; and Doug Ford from Sweetwater Package spoke against the bill. Chairman Murphy, 27th, held the bill for additional work in study committee.

SB 174, by Senator McKoon, 29th, Alcoholic Beverages; limited exceptions to the three-tier system for the distribution/sale

Senator McKoon, 29th presented the bill. Al Zachary from Georgia Beer Wholesalers Association spoke against the bill; Brooks Binder and Nancy Palmer from Georgia Craft Brewers Guild; Dave Larkworthy and Crawford Morgan from Five Seasons spoke for the bill. Chairman Murphy, 27th held the bill for additional work in study committee.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

SENATE REGULATED INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE met in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Monday, March 11, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jack Murphy, 27th, Chairman
Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Vice Chairman
Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, Secretary
Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th
Senator Ed Harbison, 15th
Senator Rick Jeffares, 17th
Senator Burt Jones, 25th
Senator David Lucas, 26th

NOTE: Senators Hill, 4th, Hill, 32nd, Henson, 41st Staton, 18th, Shafer, 48th and Unterman, 45th were absent.

Chairman Murphy, 27th, called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

HB 99, by Representative Spencer, 180th, Malt beverages; amount produced by a person in his or her private residence; change

Representative Spencer, 180th, presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion that **HB 99 “DO PASS”**. Senator Harbison, 15th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 7-0. Senator Murphy, 27th, will carry in the Senate.

HB 99 DO PASS

NOTE: Senators Staton, 18th, Shafer, 48th, and Unterman, 45th, arrived at 3:14 p.m.

HB 124, by Representative Harrell, 106th, Local elections; votes cast for disapproval of Sunday alcohol sales by retailers shall not nullify prior election results; provide

Representative Harrell, 106th, presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Jeffares, 17th, made a motion that **HB 124 “DO PASS”**. Senator Harbison, 15th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 10-0. Senator Murphy, 27th, will carry in the Senate.

HB 124 DO PASS

NOTE: Senator Henson, 41st arrived at 3:23 p.m.

HB 487, by Representative Ramsey, 72nd, Offenses against public health and morals; Georgia Lottery; correct a cross reference

Representative Ramsey, 72nd, presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute LC 34 3830 ER-ECS. Vernon Keenan with GBI; Debbie Dublenski with the Lottery Corporation and Sean Casey with GDOR spoke for the bill. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion that **HB 487 “DO PASS by SUBSTITUTE”**. Senator Harbison, 15th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 11-0. Senator Butch Miller, 49th, will carry in the Senate.

HB 487 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

NOTE: Senator Harbison, 15th left at 3:49 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Staton, 18th left at 3:59 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Lucas, 26th left at 4:06 p.m.

HB 188, by Representative Coomer, 14th, Professions and businesses; certain military certifications entitle persons to obtain certain professional licenses in this state; provide

Representative Coomer, 14th, presented the bill to the committee. Dennis McKeon, Rusty Gruitt and Robert Paulk with HVAC spoke against the bill. Col. Mark London with GA National Guard; Mr. Dale Barnett with American Legion; David Rayner with GA Chamber ; Lee Lemke with Specialty Contractors spoke for the bill. Bob Barnard with Home Builders Association of GA requested changes. Senator Jeffares, 17th, made a motion that **HB 188 “DO PASS”**. Senator Ginn, 47th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 8-0. Senator Hill, 6th, will carry in the Senate.

HB 188 DO PASS

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

SENATE REGULATED INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Wednesday, March 13, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jack Murphy, 27th, Chairman
Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Vice Chairman
Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, Secretary
Senator Rick Jeffares, 17th
Senator Burt Jones, 25th
Senator David Lucas, 26th
Senator Cecil Staton, 18th
Senator Steve Henson, 41st District – Ex-Officio
Senator David Shafer, 48th District – Ex-Officio
Senator Renee Unterman, 45th District – Ex-Officio

NOTE: Senators Chance, 16th, Harbison, 15th, Hill, 4th, and Hill, 32nd were absent.

Chairman Murphy, 27th, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

HB 83, by Rep. Knight, 130th Mortgage broker licensing requirements; licensed real estate brokers and salespersons assisting in a short sale real estate transaction; exempt
Representative Josh Clark, 98th, presented the bill to the committee on behalf of Rep. Knight, 130th. Keith Hatcher with Georgia Realtors and Ron Carnes with the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance spoke for the bill. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion that **HB 83 “DO PASS”**. Senator Staton, 18th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 9-0. Senator McKoon, 29th, will carry in the Senate.

HB 83 DO PASS

NOTE: Senator Harbison, 15th arrived at 1:16 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Hill, 4th arrived at 1:22 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Hill, 4th left at 1:30 p.m.

HB 517, by Rep. Williams, 119th, Alcohol; local control of distance requirements of grocery stores and other licensees for retail sale of wine and malt beverages near college campuses; provide

Representative Williams, 119th, presented the bill to the committee and presented a substitute LC 36 2353S. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion to amend the substitute by striking on line 26 beginning with the word “which does not sell gasoline and that has at least 8,000 square feet of retail floor space where goods are displayed for sale” and add the word “has at least 80 percent of its total retail floor space reserved for the sale of food and other nonalcoholic items; or”. Senator Lucas, 26th seconded the motion. The committee voted 7-3 in favor of the amendment. Senators Ginn, 47th, Harbison, 15th, Jeffares, 17th, Jones, 25th, Lucas, 26th, Staton, 18th, and Unterman, 45th, voted in favor of the amendment and Senators McKoon, 29th, Shafer, 48th, and Henson, 41st voted against.

NOTE: Senator Hill, 32nd arrived at 1:51 p.m.

Nancy Denson, Mayor of Clark County and Todd Edwards with Association of County Commissioners spoke for the bill. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion that **HB 517 “DO PASS by Substitute”**. Senator Lucas, 26th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 9-2. Senators Ginn, 47th, Harbison, 15th, Henson, 41st, Hill, 32nd, Jeffares, 17th, Jones, 25th, Lucas, 26th, Staton, 18th and Unterman, 45th voted in favor and Senator McKoon, 29th, and Shafer, 48th, voted against. Senator Ginn, 47th, will carry in the Senate.

HB 517 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

HB 132, by Rep. Hawkins, 27th, Georgia Board of Pharmacy and Georgia Board of Dentistry; administratively attached to Department of Community Health; provide

Representative Hawkins, 27th, presented the bill to the committee. Judy Malachowski with Georgia Nurses Association spoke to the bill but did not take a position. Eddie Madden from Georgia Board of Pharmacies; Richard Bennett from Georgia Board of Dentistry and Martha Phillips from Georgia Dental Association spoke for the bill. Secretary of State, Brian Kemp and Wendy Blond from the Georgia Dental Hygienist Association spoke against the bill. Chairman Murphy, 27th, assigned the bill to a subcommittee with McKoon, 29th, serving as the Subcommittee Chair and Staton, 18th, Unterman, 45th, Hill, 32nd, and Lucas, 26th, serving as members.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

SENATE REGULATED INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE met in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Wednesday, March 20, 2013.

Senator Josh McKoon, 29th – Subcommittee Chair
Senator Judson Hill, 32nd
Senator David Lucas, 26th
Senator Cecil Staton, 18th
Senator Renee Unterman, 45th District – Ex-Officio

NOTE: All sub-committee members were present.

Chairman McKoon, 29th, called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

HB 132, by Rep. Hawkins, 27th, Georgia Board of Pharmacy and Georgia Board of Dentistry; administratively attached to Department of Community Health; provide Representative Hawkins, 27th, presented the bill to the subcommittee. Senator Staton, 18th, made a motion that **HB 132**, LC 33 5047S, **“DO PASS”**. Senator Hill, 32nd, seconded the motion. Senator Unterman, 45th, presented a substitute, LC 37 1630S to the subcommittee. With a motion and a second to move LC 33 5047S, the subcommittee voted in favor of passing the bill back to the full committee by a vote of 3-1. Senator Lucas, 26th, Senator Hill, 32nd, and Senator Staton, 18th, voted in favor and Senator Unterman, 45th, opposed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

SENATE REGULATED INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE met in Room 450 of the State Capitol Building, Friday, March 22, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jack Murphy, 27th, Chairman
Senator Frank Ginn, 47th, Vice Chairman
Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, Secretary
Senator Ed Harbison, 15th
Senator Jack Hill, 4th
Senator Rick Jeffares, 17th
Senator Burt Jones, 25th
Senator David Lucas, 26th
Senator Steve Henson, 41st District – Ex-Officio
Senator David Shafer, 48th District – Ex-Officio
Senator Renee Unterman, 45th District – Ex-Officio

NOTE: Senators Chance, 16th, Hill, 32nd, and Staton, 18th, were absent.

Chairman Murphy, 27th, called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

HB 517, by Rep. Chuck Williams, 119th, Alcohol; local control of distance requirements of grocery stores and other licensees for retail sale of wine and malt beverages near college campuses; provide

This bill was recommitted back from the Rules Committee. Chairman Murphy, 27th, presented the bill to the committee and Senator Shafer, 48th, offered a substitute LC 36 2364S. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Shafer, 48th, made a motion that **HB 517 “DO PASS by SUBSTITUTE”**. Senator Ginn, 47th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 10-0. Senator Ginn, 47th, will carry in the Senate.

HB 517 DO PASS SUBSTITUTE

NOTE: Senator Shafer, 48th left at 12:25 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Hill, 4th left at 12:39 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Staton, 18th arrived at 12:40 p.m.

HB 132, by Rep. Hawkins, 27th, Georgia Board of Pharmacy and Georgia Board of Dentistry; administratively attached to Department of Community Health; provide

The Subcommittee Chairman McKoon, 29th favorably reported the bill back to the full committee. Chairman Murphy, 27th presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Henson, 41st made a motion that **HB 132 “DO PASS”**. Senator McKoon, 29th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 8-1 with Senator Unterman, 45th, voting against the bill. Senator Miller, 49th, will carry in the Senate

HB 132 DO PASS

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Josh McKoon, 29th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

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March 28, 2013

Mr. Bob Ewing
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol Bldg.
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Ewing,

I hereby submit the following bills upon which no action was taken by the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee during the 2013 Legislative session of the General Assembly.

[Senate Bill 51](#)
[Senate Bill 64](#)
[Senate Bill 129](#)
[Senate Bill 153](#)
[Senate Bill 169](#)
[Senate Bill 174](#)
[Senate Bill 205](#)
[Senate Bill 240](#)
[Senate Bill 246](#)
[Senate Bill 261](#)
[Senate Bill 265](#)
[Senate Bill 272](#)
[Senate Resolution 217](#)

Sincerely,

/s/ Donna Yeomans
Recording Secretary
Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee