

Georgia Rural Health Association Legislative Report Georgia General Assembly 2013 February 22, 2013						
Bill #	Title	Sponsor	Last Action	Status	House Committee	Senate Committee
HOUSE BILLS						
HB 0003	Evidence; professional forestry; Department of Public Health; AIDS; provisions	Willard, Wendell 51st	2/11/2013 10:16	Senate Read and Referred	Judy	JUDY
HB 0007	Penal institutions; use of restraints on pregnant female inmates under certain circumstances; prohibit	Waites, Keisha 60th	11/26/2012 15:25	House Prefiled		
HB 0008	Controlled substances; adopt and incorporate by reference certain drug-free zones	Waites, Keisha 60th	11/26/2012 15:25	House Prefiled		
HB 0014	Public benefits; no longer require applicant to establish United States citizenship repeatedly	Buckner, Debbie 137th	11/28/2012 14:48	House Prefiled		
HB 0023	Carbon monoxide detectors; public and private schools; require	Jones, Sheila 53rd	1/29/2013 10:09	House Second Readers	PS&HS	
HB 0048	Georgia's Return to Play Act of 2013; enact	Mitchell, Billy 88th	1/16/2013 10:29	House Second Readers	H&HS	
HB 0050	Nurses; mandatory reporting; require	Cooper, Sharon 43rd	2/14/2013 9:43	Senate Read and Referred	H&HS	H&HS
HB 0051	Hospital Medicaid Financing Program Act; enact	Hatchett, Matt 150th	1/16/2013 10:29	House Second Readers	GAff	
HB 0057	Controlled substances; definition of Schedule I; expand	Ramsey, Matt 72nd	2/14/2013 9:47	Senate Read Second Time	JudyNC	H&HS
HB 0067	Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund; penalty assessments for additional violations; authorize	Kidd, E. Culver "Rusty" 145th	1/28/2013 13:22	House Second Readers	Judy	
HB 0068	Physicians; continuing education requirements licensed to practice orthotics or prosthetics; revise provisions	Kidd, E. Culver "Rusty" 145th	2/20/2013 10:18	Senate Read and Referred	H&HS	H&HS
HB 0073	Insurance; coverage for physician prescribed special dietary food; require	Lindsey, Edward 54th	1/28/2013 13:22	House Second Readers	Ins	

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HB 0074	Hearing Aid Coverage for Children Act; enact	Lindsey, Edward 54th	1/28/2013 13:22	House Second Readers	Ins	
HB 0078	Crimes and offenses; protection of disabled adults and elder persons; change provisions	Willard, Wendell 51st	1/28/2013 13:22	House Second Readers	Judy	
HB 0084	Taxes; cigar and cigarette; change certain definitions	Knight, David 130th	1/29/2013 10:09	House Second Readers	W&M	
HB 0097	Minimum wage; substantive and comprehensive reform of provisions regarding the law; provide	Brooks, Tyrone 55th	1/29/2013 10:09	House Second Readers	I&L	
HB 0105	Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	Ralston, David 7th	2/21/2013 10:47	Passed Senate	App	APPROP
HB 0106	General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014	Ralston, David 7th	1/29/2013 10:09	House Second Readers	App	
HB 0132	Georgia Board of Pharmacy and Georgia Board of Dentistry; administratively attached to Department of Community Health; provide	Hawkins, Lee 27th	2/21/2013 11:33	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Regl	
HB 0142	Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission; change certain provisions	Ralston, David 7th	2/21/2013 11:33	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Rules	
HB 0143	Campaign contributions; disclosure reports; change certain provisions	Ralston, David 7th	2/21/2013 11:33	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Rules	
HB 0152	Public benefits; no longer require applicant to establish United States citizenship repeatedly	Bentley, Patty 139th	2/1/2013 9:18	House Second Readers	JudyNC	
HB 0162	Student health; public schools provide parents of sixth grade students information concerning human papillomavirus; require	Jones, Sheila 53rd	2/1/2013 9:18	House Second Readers	Ed	

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HB 0163	Professions and businesses; each professional licensing board shall waive licensing fee for military veterans; provide	Jones, Sheila 53rd	2/1/2013 9:18	House Second Readers	Regl	
HB 0178	Georgia Pain Management Clinic Act; enact	Weldon, Tom 3rd	2/21/2013 10:20	Senate Read and Referred	H&HS	H&HS
HB 0179	Pharmacies; The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights; change certain provisions	Welch, Andrew 110th	2/20/2013 9:51	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Ins	
HB 0187	Controlled substances; date of incorporation of local ordinances by reference; change	Dickerson, Pam 113th	2/14/2013 9:44	House Committee Favorably Reported	JudyNC	
HB 0188	Professions and businesses; certain military certifications entitle persons to obtain certain professional licenses in this state; provide	Coomer, Christian 14th	2/21/2013 16:29	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	D&VA	
HB 0190	Sales and use tax; kidney dialysis equipment; provide exemption	Stephens, Ron 164th	2/5/2013 10:32	House Second Readers	W&M	
HB 0192	Podiatry; podiatric medicine includes the diagnosis and treatment of cosmetic conditions regarding the human foot and leg; provide	Kidd, E. Culver "Rusty" 145th	2/5/2013 10:32	House Second Readers	H&HS	
HB 0193	Sales and use tax; tangible personal property to certain nonprofit health centers; provide exemption only for a limited period of time	Stephens, Ron 164th	2/5/2013 10:32	House Second Readers	W&M	
HB 0198	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; licensing of health insurance navigators; provide	Smith, Richard 134th	2/14/2013 9:43	Senate Read and Referred	Ins	I&L
HB 0205	Psychiatric Advance Directive Act; enact	Lindsey, Edward 54th	2/7/2013 10:12	House Second Readers	H&HS	

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HB 0208	Nursing homes; annually offer influenza vaccinations to health care workers and other employees; require	Watson, Ben 166th	2/21/2013 10:20	Senate Read and Referred	H&HS	H&HS
HB 0209	Pharmacists and pharmacies; revise definition of "security paper"; revise requirements	Watson, Ben 166th	2/21/2013 10:20	Senate Read and Referred	H&HS	H&HS
HB 0213	Georgia State Board of Pharmacy; powers, duties, and authority; revise	Stephens, Ron 164th	2/21/2013 11:33	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute	Regl	
HB 0217	Education; course of study in health and physical education includes training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; require	Jones, Sheila 53rd	2/7/2013 10:12	House Second Readers	Ed	
HB 0218	Battery operated smoke detectors; installed in new dwellings after January 1, 2014, shall meet certain specifications; provide	Jones, Sheila 53rd	2/7/2013 10:12	House Second Readers	PS&HS	
HB 0230	Hospitals; authorities created are acting pursuant to state policy; express and clarify	Powell, Jay 171st	2/8/2013 9:43	House Second Readers	Judy	
HB 0235	Optometrists; revise definition of optometry; remove certain exemption	Ehrhart, Earl 36th	2/21/2013 10:20	Senate Read and Referred	Ins	H&HS
HB 0240	Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids; certain speech-language pathology; require reimbursement	Carson, John 46th	2/8/2013 9:43	House Second Readers	H&HS	
HB 0263	Post-employment health benefit fund; person eligible to participate on or after July 1, 2013, shall pay premium which reflects cost of coverage; provide	Martin, Chuck 49th	2/11/2013 13:21	House Second Readers	Ret	
HB 0269	Insurance; mammography report provisions; provide	Jones, Sheila 53rd	2/12/2013 8:33	House Second Readers	Ins	

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HB 0275	Public benefits; no longer require applicant to establish United States citizenship repeatedly	Bentley, Patty 139th	2/12/2013 8:33	House Second Readers	JudyNC	
HB 0279	State health planning and development; physician owned ambulatory surgical centers; define and provide exemptions	Rogers, Terry 10th	2/12/2013 8:33	House Second Readers	H&HS	
HB 0280	Georgia State Board of Pharmacy; powers, duties, and authority; revise	Stephens, Ron 164th	2/12/2013 8:33	House Second Readers	H&HS	
HB 0282	Municipal Broadband Investment Act; enact	Hamilton, Mark 24th	2/12/2013 8:33	House Second Readers	EU&T	
HB 0284	Return to Play Act of 2013; enact	Pruett, Jimmy 149th	2/12/2013 8:33	House Second Readers	Ed	
HB 0290	Labor; employees use sick leave for care of immediate family members; allow	Dempsey, Katie 13th	2/13/2013 9:33	House Committee Favorably Reported	HumR	
HB 0302	Controlled substances; substances included under Schedule I and III; add	Broadrick, Bruce 4th	2/13/2013 9:38	House Second Readers	JudyNC	
HB 0309	Ava's Law; enact	Harbin, Ben 122nd	2/13/2013 9:38	House Second Readers	Ins	
HB 0315	Nurses; continuing competency requirements as requirement for license renewal; provide	Cooper, Sharon 43rd	2/21/2013 9:46	House Committee Favorably Reported	H&HS	
HB 0317	Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia; administrative medicine licenses; provide Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia; administrative medicine licenses; provide	Cooper, Sharon 43rd	2/21/2013 9:46	House Committee Favorably Reported	H&HS	
HB 0322	Covenants; enforcement of certain covenants and restriction on physicians who leave employment of a hospital authority; prohibit	Sims, Chuck 169th	2/14/2013 10:36	House Second Readers	Judy	

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HB 0331	Day-care centers; install safety alarms in vehicles used to transport children; permit	Scott, Sandra 76th	2/14/2013 10:36	House Second Readers	Ed	
HB 0332	Georgia Board of Nursing; reconstitute; provisions	Williamson, Bruce 115th	2/14/2013 10:36	House Second Readers	H&HS	
HB 0337	Elementary and secondary education; public and private schools to stock supply of auto-injectable epinephrine; authorize	Fleming, Barry 121st	2/19/2013 10:24	House Second Readers	Ed	
HB 0350	Group-care facility operators; persons otherwise issued licenses as provided by law; provide exceptions	Peake, Allen 141st	2/19/2013 10:24	House Second Readers	JudyNC	
HB 0352	Protecting Georgia Sovereignty Act of 2013; enact	Spencer, Jason 180th	2/19/2013 10:24	House Second Readers	Judy	
HB 0363	Georgia Lactation Consultant Practice Act; enact	Cooper, Sharon 43rd	2/20/2013 9:55	House Second Readers	H&HS	
HB 0365	Safety belts; definition of the term "passenger vehicle" which the safety belt law applies; modify	Hitchens, Bill 161st	2/20/2013 9:55	House Second Readers	MotV	
HB 0404	Freestanding pediatric emergency facilities; certificate of need requirements; exempt	Ehrhart, Earl 36th	2/21/2013 10:41	House First Readers	H&HS	
HB 0413	Pharmacy benefits managers; define "maximum allowable cost"; provisions	Harbin, Ben 122nd	2/21/2013 10:41	House First Readers	H&HS	
HB 0428	Foster Children's Psychotropic Medication Monitoring Act; enact	Waites, Keisha 60th	2/21/2013 10:41	House First Readers	H&HS	
HOUSE RESOLUTIONS						
HR 0001	Horse racing; pari-mutuel wagering; provide - CA	Geisinger, Harry 48th	11/15/2012 13:55	House Prefiled		
HR 0024	General Assembly; additional penalties or fees for parking in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities; provide - CA	Kidd, E. Culver "Rusty" 145th	1/28/2013 13:22	House Second Readers	Judy	

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HR 0049	Congress; pass legislation restoring the deep cuts to mental health services; request	Waites, Keisha 60th	1/29/2013 10:09	House Second Readers	H&HS	
HR 0074	Health; development of minority owned plasma centers; encourage	Bruce, Roger 61st	1/30/2013 10:36	House Second Readers	H&HS	
HR 0099	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Day; January 30, 2013; recognize	Dudgeon, Mike 25th	1/29/2013 13:53	House Read and Adopted		
HR 0107	Joint Study Committee on Medicaid Reform; create	Sheldon, Donna 104th	2/1/2013 9:18	House Second Readers	App	
HR 0122	Lupus Awareness Day; February 13, 2013; recognize	Cooper, Sharon 43rd	1/30/2013 15:00	House Read and Adopted		
HR 0135	American Heart Association's Go Red For Women Day; February 1, 2013; recognize	Dempsey, Katie 13th	1/30/2013 15:00	House Read and Adopted		
HR 0189	Skin Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol; February 6, 2013; recognize	Geisinger, Harry 48th	2/4/2013 13:12	House Read and Adopted		
HR 0228	Congress of the United States; pass legislation restoring deep cuts to mental health services, research, special education, and supportative housing for children and adults living with mental health; request	Waites, Keisha 60th	2/11/2013 13:21	House Second Readers	H&HS	
HR 0251	Hemophilia of Georgia Day at the state capitol; February 11, 2013; recognize	Dollar, Matt 45th	2/8/2013 14:12	House Read and Adopted		
HR 0253	Emergency Medical Services Recognition Day; February 20, 2013; recognize	Powell, Alan 32nd	2/8/2013 14:15	House Read and Adopted		
HR 0280	Governor; expand Medicaid coverage under Affordable Care Act; urge	Jones, Sheila 53rd	2/13/2013 9:38	House Second Readers	H&HS	
HR 0286	Community Health Centers Day; February 14, 2013; recognize and invite to House	Parrish, Butch 158th	2/13/2013 11:43	House Passed/Adopted	Rules	

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HR 0296	Pharmacy Day at the state capitol; February 14, 2013; recognize	Stephens, Ron 164th	2/11/2013 16:08	House Read and Adopted		
HR 0297	State Board of Education and Fulton County Board of Education; installation of carbon monoxide detectors in schools; mandate	Beasley-Teague, Sharon 65th	2/14/2013 10:36	House Second Readers	Ed	
HR 0300	Rural Health Day at the capitol; February 20, 2013; recognize & invite to House	Jackson, Mack 128th	2/19/2013 11:24	House Passed/Adopted	Rules	
HR 0389	Affordable Care Act; \$100 billion federal sales tax on health insurance; request repeal	Atwood, Alex 179th	2/21/2013 10:31	House Second Readers	Ins	
HR 0424	Georgia Academy of Audiology Day at the capitol; February 25, 2013; recognize	Holt, Doug 112th	2/20/2013 14:56	House Read and Adopted		
SENATE BILLS						
SB 0010	Registered Professional Nurses; provide continuing competency requirements as a requirement for license renewal	Carter, Buddy 1st	2/14/2013 9:47	Senate Read Second Time		H&HS
SB 0013	Nurses; require mandatory reporting	Carter, Buddy 1st	2/14/2013 9:47	Senate Read Second Time		H&HS
SB 0014	Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan Task Force; create	Unterman, Renee 45th	2/8/2013 9:43	House Second Readers	HumR	H&HS
SB 0023	"Stacey Nicole English Act"; aid in the location of missing persons; incapacitated due to medical conditions; establish	Davenport, Gail 44th	1/28/2013 10:20	Senate Read and Referred		PUB SAF
SB 0024	"Hospital Medicaid Financing Program Act"; enact	Bethel, Charlie 54th	2/13/2013 16:27	Senate Date Signed by Governor	GAff	RI&Util
SB 0034	Public Order and Safety; unlawful for mentally incompetent person to possess a handgun; penalties	James, Donzella 35th	1/15/2013 10:25	Senate Read and Referred		JUDYNC

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SB 0037	Abortion; change certain provisions relating to criminal abortion	Orrock, Nan 36th	1/15/2013 10:25	Senate Read and Referred		H&HS
SB 0038	Insurance; provide individual accident and sickness insurance policies in Georgia	Orrock, Nan 36th	1/15/2013 10:25	Senate Read and Referred		I&L
SB 0046	Insurance; establish the Georgia Health Insurance Marketplace Authority	Orrock, Nan 36th	1/15/2013 10:25	Senate Read and Referred		I&L
SB 0047	Insurance; provide each individual accident/sickness policy; coverage for treatment of dependent children with cancer/autism	Fort, Vincent 39th	1/15/2013 10:25	Senate Read and Referred		I&L
SB 0062	Federal and State Funded Health Care Financing Program Overview Committee; establish	Hill, Judson 32nd	1/28/2013 10:20	Senate Read and Referred		H&HS
SB 0063	State Government; federal health care reform legislation; legislative findings	Hill, Judson 32nd	1/28/2013 10:20	Senate Read and Referred		H&HS
SB 0065	Mental Health; authorize licensed professional counselor to perform certain acts; secure certification	Unterman, Renee 45th	2/13/2013 9:38	House Second Readers	H&HS	H&HS
SB 0085	Physicians; authorize the administration of vaccines by pharmacists or nurses; vaccine protocol agreements	Bethel, Charlie 54th	1/31/2013 10:15	Senate Read and Referred		H&HS
SB 0089	Fire Protection/Safety; require every public/private school and early care and education program to have carbon monoxide detectors/warning equipment	Fort, Vincent 39th	2/1/2013 9:14	Senate Read and Referred		ED&Y
SB 0094	Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; delegation of authority to order radiographic imaging tests; revise prov.	Millar, Fran 40th	2/21/2013 10:47	Senate Committee Favorably Reported		H&HS

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SB 0098	'Federal Abortion Mandate Opt-out Act'	Hill, Judson 32nd	2/4/2013 13:07	Senate Read and Referred		I&L
SB 0128	Professional Counselors; revise definitions relating to marriage and family therapy	Millar, Fran 40th	2/21/2013 10:47	Senate Committee Favorably Reported		H&HS
SB 0132	Pharmacists/Pharmacies; revise the definition of "security paper"	Carter, Buddy 1st	2/11/2013 10:15	Senate Read and Referred		H&HS
SB 0134	Controlled Substances; revise the definition of "prescriber"	Carter, Buddy 1st	2/21/2013 10:47	Senate Committee Favorably Reported		JUDYNC
SB 0141	'Patient Injury Act'; create an alternative medical malpractice litigation	Beach, Brandon 21st	2/11/2013 10:15	Senate Read and Referred		H&HS
SB 0158	Temporary Medical Consent Guardianship; Physician Order for Life-sustaining Treatment; change certain signatures	Orrock, Nan 36th	2/13/2013 10:13	Senate Read and Referred		H&HS
SB 0163	Community Health Dept.; required to study and identify options for Medicaid reform	Ligon, Jr., William 3rd	2/14/2013 9:42	Senate Read and Referred		H&HS
SB 0170	Forgery and Fraudulent Practices; identity fraud; add medical identity fraud	Hill, Judson 32nd	2/19/2013 10:12	Senate Read and Referred		JUDYNC
SB 0171	Health Planning; single ambulatory surgical centers/joint venture; acquired are exempt from certain requirements under Chapter 6 of Title 31	Balfour, Don 9th	2/19/2013 10:12	Senate Read and Referred		H&HS
SB 0173	'Accuracy and Transparency in Physician/Provider Profiling Act'; provide for physician profiling program	McKoon, Joshua 29th	2/19/2013 10:12	Senate Read and Referred		I&L
SB 0186	Mental Health; provide for authorization of ambulance personnel to transport certain mentally ill patients	Ligon, Jr., William 3rd	2/21/2013 10:19	Senate Read and Referred		H&HS

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SB 0191	"Ava's Law"; provide definitions; certain insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders	Albers, John 56th	2/21/2013 12:45	Senate Hopper		
SB 0195	Education; authorize public/private schools to stock a supply of auto-injectable epinephrine	Hufstetler, Chuck 52nd	2/21/2013 13:06	Senate Hopper		
SENATE RESOLUTIONS						
SR 0012	Governor; urge to expand Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act	Henson, Steve 41st	1/15/2013 10:25	Senate Read and Referred		H&HS
SR 0020	Autism Spectrum Disorders; request screening	James, Donzella 35th	1/16/2013 10:28	Senate Read and Referred		H&HS
SR 0037	Women with Heart Disease; recognize the struggle faced everyday	Unterman, Renee 45th	1/28/2013 11:15	Senate Read and Adopted		
SR 0062	"Dental Hygienists Appreciation Day"; recognize February 1	Jackson, Lester 2nd	1/29/2013 11:13	Senate Read and Adopted		
SR 0099	"Health Care Freedom of Choice Constitutional Amendment" -CA	Hill, Judson 32nd	1/30/2013 10:10	Senate Read and Referred		H&HS
SR 0121	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Day; recognize January 30	Gooch, Steve 51st	1/31/2013 10:42	Senate Read and Adopted		
SR 0126	Lupus Awareness Day; recognize February 13	Unterman, Renee 45th	1/31/2013 10:42	Senate Read and Adopted		
SR 0133	Thrombosis Awareness Month; recognize September	Unterman, Renee 45th	2/1/2013 9:50	Senate Read and Adopted		
SR 0136	Skin Cancer Awareness Day; recognize February 6	Unterman, Renee 45th	2/4/2013 14:19	Senate Read and Adopted		
SR 0173	American Red Cross Month; recognize March	Shafer, David 48th	2/6/2013 11:23	Senate Read and Adopted		
SR 0186	Rural Health Day; recognize February 20	Golden, Tim 8th	2/7/2013 10:51	Senate Read and Adopted		
SR 0213	"Community Health Centers Day"; recognize February 14	Golden, Tim 8th	2/12/2013 11:14	Senate Read and Adopted		
SR 0217	General Assembly; authorize to provide by law for pari-mutuel wagering in horse racing	Thompson, Curt 5th	2/12/2013 10:21	Senate Read and Referred		RI&Util

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SR 0219	Emergency Medical Services Day; recognize February 20	Hill, Judson 32nd	2/12/2013 11:14	Senate Read and Adopted		
SR 0228	Health Insurance; requesting the repeal of the \$100 billion federal sales tax imposed by Affordable Care Act	Shafer, David 48th	2/13/2013 10:13	Senate Read and Referred		RULES
SR 0243	Carter, Former First Lady Rosalyn; recognize	Ramsey, Sr., Ronald 43rd	2/19/2013 11:07	Senate Read and Adopted		

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