

Plumbing and Mechanical Association of Georgia

Legislative Report

April 16, 2010

Just four legislative days remain in Georgia's 2010 legislative session. The lawmakers will return from recess on Tuesday April 20, and recess again after the Wednesday session. They will then return on Tuesday the 27th, recess Wednesday to allow the Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate to catch up, and meet for the final day on Thursday, April 29.

Bill status report.

HB 1016 – Golick of Smyrna: to include businesses as potential victims of identity theft. Passed House and on Senate general calendar.

HB 1069 – Wilkinson of Dunwoody: would provide tax credits for qualified equipment that reduces business or domestic energy or water use. Passed House and now in Senate Finance Committee.

HB 1196 – England of Auburn: would stipulate that no building code may require fire sprinklers in single family dwellings. Passed House and on Senate general calendar.

HB 1206 – Maddox of Zebulon: would change provisions relating to the requirement for a water well contractor's license and drilling under the direction of a professional geologist or engineer. Passed House and on Senate general calendar.

HB 1388 – Bearden of Villa Rica: to provide that development authorities may finance certain conservation projects, including water and energy conservation projects. Passed House and on Senate general calendar.

SB 148 – Shafer of Duluth: carryover bill from 2009, to provide for review and evaluation of existing occupational regulatory entities. Passed Senate and referred to House Regulated Industries Committee.

SB 321 – Pearson of Dawsonville: to provide for private ownership of new public water supply reservoirs. Passed Senate and will be considered by House Senate Natural Resources Committee on Monday, April 19.

SB 339 – Seabaugh of Sharpsburg: to make it unlawful to disqualify a licensed utility contractor from doing work on a utility system on the basis that the utility contractor does

not hold a general contractor license. Passed Senate and will be heard in House Regulated Industries Committee on Monday, April 19.

SB 346 – Rogers of Woodstock: to make comprehensive revisions in property tax law, providing more transparency and equity for property owners. Passed Senate and on House general calendar.

SB 362 – Weber of Dunwoody: would amend lien law to eliminate the requirement that a subcontractors' affidavit of non-payment be filed with the county clerk of court. Banks are seeking an amendment to require that financing institutions receive the notice of non-payment. Passed Senate. Hearing in House Judiciary cancelled last week. Could be rescheduled.

SB 370 – Tolleson of Perry: Administration bill to implement state-wide water management plan. Focuses on commercial and residential conservation, including installation of high efficiency plumbing fixtures in new construction. Passed Senate and House.

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