

Plumbing and Mechanical Association of Georgia

Legislative Report

April 23, 2010

Just two legislative days remain in the longest Georgia legislative session in memory. The General Assembly will meet Tuesday, April 27, with sine die scheduled for Wednesday, April 29.

Bill status report.

HB 1016 – Golick of Smyrna: to include businesses as potential victims of identity theft. Passed Senate on 4/20.

HB 1069 – Wilkinson of Dunwoody: would provide tax credits for qualified equipment that reduces business or domestic energy or water use. Substitute passed Senate Finance Committee.

HB 1196 – England of Auburn: would stipulate that no building code may require fire sprinklers in single family dwellings. Passed Senate 4/21.

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 Senate on 4/21.

HB 1388 – Bearden of Villa Rica: to provide that development authorities may finance certain conservation projects, including water and energy conservation projects. Passed Senate 4/21.

SB 148 – Shafer of Duluth: carryover bill from 2009, to provide for review and evaluation of existing occupational regulatory entities. Postponed on floor of the House 4/21

SB 321 – Pearson of Dawsonville: to provide for private ownership of new public water supply reservoirs. House Natural Resources

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. Favorable reported from House Regulated Industries on 4/21

SB 346 – Rogers of Woodstock: to make comprehensive revisions in property tax law, providing more transparency and equity for property owners. Passed House on 4/21

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. Amended in committee by striking all language and only leaving in Section 1. Substitute passed House Judiciary on 4/20

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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