

Money & Finances

Income Tax Cut – HB 111

Georgia's flat income tax rate drops slightly (from ~5.39% to 5.19%), with plans to reach 4.99% over time.

Expand Child Tax Credit – HB 136

Increases Georgia's child and dependent care tax credit and creates a new \$250 credit for each child under age 6.

Fair Pay for People With Disabilities – SB 55

Ends subminimum wages for workers with disabilities.

Law & Crime

Tougher Fentanyl Punishments – SB 79

Sentences and penalties for small amounts of fentanyl trafficking are harsher to help fight the opioid crisis.

Wrongful Conviction Relief – SB 244

People wrongly convicted can now seek compensation. If prosecutors acted improperly, defendants can reclaim attorney fees.

Survivor Justice Act – HB 582

Domestic-violence or trafficking survivors who committed crimes under duress can ask for lighter sentences or have them reduced.

Education & Child Safety

Fairness in Sports – SB 1

Requires school sports teams to be designated by sex and limits participation accordingly.

Exams for Home Study Students – SB 63

Mandates local schools offer certain exams to home study students.

Revision of Child Neglect Definition – SB 110

Updates child neglect laws and protects parents who allow safe independent activities.

No Expulsion for Missing School – SB 123

Students can't be kicked out just for being absent too much. Schools must now use supportive strategies instead of expulsion.

Combating Higher Education Threats from China – HB 150

Requires public universities to report funding from Chinese-linked entities.

Background Checks for Early Childhood Workers – HB 175

Stricter fingerprint and registry checks for daycare and Head Start employees.

Drug Costs for State Employees – HB 196

Requires drug reimbursements under state health plans to follow transparent pricing.

Ban on Cellphones in K–8 – HB 340

Elementary and middle schools must keep personal cellphones stowed during school hours. Other personal electronic devices also banned.

Quality Basic Education Act -- HB 371

Raises funding for education from \$300 million to \$375 million in effort to improve quality of education.

Family & Health

Fentanyl Test Strips Now Legal – SB 6

It's no longer illegal to carry tools that test drugs for fentanyl. This harm-reduction measure can help prevent overdoses.

Adoptees Get Birth Certificates – SB 100 "Andee's Law"

Adult adoptees can now request their original birth certificates without a court order.

Hope for Georgia Patients – SB 72

Expands access to experimental treatments for seriously ill patients.

Gestational Diabetes Care – HB 352

Health insurers must better cover diabetes treatment for pregnant women.

IVF Protection – HB 428

Guarantees the right to in vitro fertilization and defines it in Georgia law.

High Deductible Health Plans for State Employees – HB 422

Requires state employee health plans to offer high-deductible options.

Military & Veterans

Burial in Veterans Cemeteries – HB 53

Expands eligibility for burial in Georgia veterans cemeteries.

Military tax exemption -- HB266

Exempts military veterans from paying income tax on retirement income.



Infrastructure & Transportation

Regulating "Vertiports" – HB 156

The state can plan for future drone or air-taxi ports.

Let Heavier Trucks Use Local Roads – HB 164

Trucks can be 4,000 lbs heavier (up to 84k lbs) on non-interstate roads.

Digital Driver's Licenses OK – HB 296

Your mobile (e.g., phone wallet) driver's license is now legally valid—just remember to keep your physical copy too.



Consumer Protection

Property Insurance Policies – SB 35

Requires insurers to notify policyholders before canceling a homeowners' insurance policy.

Sales of Catalytic Converters – SB 40

Adds registration and recordkeeping requirements for selling used catalytic converters.

Increased Protection for Homeowners from Contractors – SB 201

Improves contract rules after natural disasters and limits certain insurance assignments.

Limits on Storage Auction Notices – HB 131

Storage units need just one public auction notice (instead of two).

Mortgage Privacy Boost – HB 240

Mortgage brokers can't spam you with calls after your credit check—protecting your privacy.

Exempt Rideshare Drivers from Motor Carrier Definition – HB 339

Exempts rideshare drivers from motor carrier rules and limits company liability.

Protect Sale of Homemade Food, Drugs, and Cosmetics – HB 398

Legalizes cottage food production and blocks local regulation.

Landlords Must Have GA Agent – HB 399

If your landlord lives out of state, they must have a local contact for emergencies.



Animal Protection

[Protect Pets in Domestic Violence Situations – HB 177](#)

Allows protective orders to include pets in family or dating violence cases.

[Roadside Pet Sales Banned – HB 331](#)

No more selling dogs or cats from cars or gas stations—only licensed sellers.

[Ban Air Guns While Hunting & Update Catfish Rules – HB 491](#)

Bans air guns for hunting and updates catfish bowfishing rules.

End of Life

[Human Composting Legal – SB 241](#)

An eco-friendly burial option: bodies can now be composted into soil.

Fun & Symbolic Moments

[Fluorescent Pink Hunting Gear Allowed – HB 167](#)

Blaze pink is now a legal alternative to orange for deer hunting safety.

[State Stew Named – HB 233](#)

Designates Brunswick stew as Georgia's official state stew.

[New Specialty License Plates – SB 291](#)

Creates an "America First" specialty license plate.

History

[Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund Act – HB 454](#)

Creates a grant fund to preserve historic battlefields.