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Status	Bill#	Author(s)	Title and/or Summary	GACP Comments
Assigned to House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil	HB 10	Representatives: Levitas, Kevin 82 nd ; Ramsey, Matt 72 nd ; Powell, Alan 29 th ; Talton, Willie 145 th ; O'Neal, Larry 146 th) Hatfield, Mark 177 th and others.	<p>HB 10 - Georgia Crime Information Center; provide access to criminal history http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/fulltext/hb10.htm</p> <p>The purpose of this bill is to provide access by private individuals, businesses, and governmental agencies to an individual's Georgia criminal history without such individual's consent or fingerprints; to change provisions relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses; to change provisions relating to disclosure and dissemination of records to public agencies and political subdivisions; to change provisions relating to fees;</p>	This Bill appears to be reasonable.
Assigned to House Committee on Motor Vehicles	HB 19	Representatives: Oliver, Mary 83rd; Benfield, Stephanie 85th; Gardner, Pat 57th; and Ashe, Kathy 56th.	<p>HB 19 Motor vehicles; wireless communication devices; provisions http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/fulltext/hb19.htm</p> <p>The purpose of this bill is to add a point penalty for the use of cellular, hands-free, or mobile telephones or other wireless communication devices under certain circumstances.</p>	No comment
Assigned to House Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs	HB 22	Representatives: Oliver, Mary 83rd; Manning, Judy 32nd; Hugley, Carolyn 133rd; Stephens, Ron 164th; Abrams, Stacey 84th; Lindsey, Edward 54th.	<p>HB 22 Safety belts; pickup trucks; rear seats of vehicles; require http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/fulltext/hb22.htm</p> <p>The purpose of this bill is to require seat belts in trucks, SUVs and certain vans.</p>	Reasonable bill however, for years this type of bill has failed.

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Assigned to House Committee on Motor Vehicles	HB 23	Representatives: Ramsey, Matt 72nd; Rice, Tom 51st; Lindsey, Edward 54th; Williams, Mark 178th; Levitas, Kevin 82nd; Everson, Melvin 106th.	<p>HB 23 - Motor vehicles; cell phones; text messaging; prohibit use http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/fulltext/hb23.htm</p> <p>The purpose of this bill is change certain provisions relating to suspension or revocation of the licenses of habitually negligent or dangerous drivers and the point system; to change certain provisions relating to drivers' exercise of due care; to prohibit use of cell phones by persons under 18 years of age while operating a motor vehicle; to prohibit the practice of text messaging by persons under 18 years of age while operating a motor vehicle; to provide penalties for violations; to provide for related matters;</p>	No comment
Assigned to House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil	HB 31	Representatives: Loudermilk, Barry 14th; Collins, Doug 27th; Hatfield, Mark 177th; Franklin, Bobby 43rd; Davis, Steve 109th; Scott, Martin 2nd.	<p>HB 31 - Motor vehicles; traffic-control signal monitoring devices; repeal provisions http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/fulltext/hb31.htm</p> <p>The purpose of this bill is to repeal the red light camera program.</p>	GACP opposes this legislation and we are clearly backed by the GMA
Assigned to House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil	HB 32	Representatives: Bearden, Timothy 68th; Benton, Tommy 31st; Maddox, Gene 172nd; Byrd, Charlice 20th; and Walker, Len 107th.	<p>HB 32 - Death penalty; impose with unanimous verdict; provisions http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/fulltext/hb32.htm</p> <p>The purpose of this bill is provide that the death penalty may be imposed where the jury finds at least one aggravating circumstance but is unable to reach a unanimous verdict as to the sentence, taking into account the vote of the jurors under certain circumstances; to change provisions relating to the requirement of a jury finding of aggravating circumstance and recommending the death penalty;</p>	No comment

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Assigned to House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil	HB 36	Representatives: Jacobs, Mike 80th; Chambers, Jill 81st; Bearden, Timothy 68th; Wilkinson, Joe 52nd; Levitas, Kevin 82nd; Powell, Alan 29th.	<p>HB 36 - Georgia Bureau of Investigation; state-wide "Blue Alert" system; create; http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/fulltext/hb36.htm</p> <p>The purpose of this bill is create a state-wide "Blue Alert" alert system to speed the apprehension of violent criminals who kill or seriously injure local, state, or federal law enforcement officers;</p> <p>Cross Reference HB 140 (same bill)</p>	Reasonable legislation which follows procedures associated with Mattie's and Kimberly's Calls
Assigned to House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil	HB 53	Representatives: Brooks, Tyrone 63rd; Marin, Pedro 96th; Heard, Keith 114th; Abdul-Salaam, Roberta 74th; Frazier, Gloria 123rd; and Williams, Al 165th.	<p>HB 53 - Law enforcement officers; stop motorists; race or ethnicity; prohibit http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/sum/hb53.htm</p> <p>The purpose of this bill is to require policies that prohibit law enforcement officers from impermissibly using race or ethnicity in determining whether to stop a motorist; to require annual training of law enforcement officers on impermissible uses of race and ethnicity in stopping vehicles; to require law enforcement officers to document the race, ethnicity, and gender of a motorist and passengers;</p> <p>Cross Reference HB 110 (same concept)</p>	The concept is professional however, the mandate for documentation and interpretation of the date make this bill a poor bill.
House Committee on Judiciary	HB 83	Representatives: Powell, Alan 29th; Bearden, Timothy 68th; and Levitas, Kevin 82nd.	<p>HB 83 - Abandoned motor vehicles; define terms; provisions http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/fulltext/hb83.htm</p> <p>This bill would reduce the authority of law enforcement officers to remove abandoned vehicles by removing the following from OCGA 40-11-1:</p> <p><i>"(vehicle) is left unattended on a public street, road, or highway or other public property for a period of at least five days and when it reasonably appears to a law enforcement officer that the individual who left such motor vehicle unattended does not intend to return and remove such motor vehicle. However, on the state highway system, any law enforcement officer may authorize the immediate removal of vehicles posing a threat to public health or safety or to mitigate congestion ..."</i></p>	

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Assigned to Senate Committee on Judiciary	SB 9	Senators: Douglas, John 17th; Rogers, Chip 21st; Goggans, Greg 7th; Murphy, Jack 27th; Hawkins, Lee 49th; and Chance, Ronnie 16th.	SB 9 - Concealed Weapon; kept in a holster; repeal requirement http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/fulltext/sb9.htm The purpose of this bill is to repeal the requirement that a firearm must be kept in a holster;	This bill does not consider "Safety First". This is a bad piece of legislation.
Assigned to Senate Committee on Judiciary	SB 12	Senator Ramsey, Sr., Ronald 43rd.	SB 12 - Handgun ammunition; prohibit manufacture, sale that does not contain unique code; create ammunition coding system data base http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/fulltext/sb12.htm The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the manufacture, sale, and possession in this state of handgun ammunition that does not contain a unique code; to provide for definitions; to provide for the creation of an ammunition coding system data base to be established by the Department of Public Safety; to require the registration of manufacturers and vendors; to require the obtaining and maintenance of certain information; to provide for penalties; to provide for exceptions;	No comment