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House Second Reader 1/15/09.	House Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs	HB 22	Representatives: Oliver of the 83 rd , Manning of the 32 nd , Hugley of the 133 rd , Stephens of the 164 th , Abrams of the 84 th , and others	HB 22 - Safety belts; pickup trucks; rear seats of vehicles; require This bill will require the use of safety belts in passenger vehicles, so as to require the use of safety belts in all passenger vehicles, including pickup trucks; to require the use of safety belts by occupants in the rear seats of a passenger vehicle;... To view, click on this link http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/hb22_LC_29_3553_a_3.htm	A good bill but more then likely will not go anywhere!
House Withdrawn, Recommitted by Rules Committee on 3/11/10.	House Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security	HB 124	Representatives: Day, Burke 163 rd ; Talton, Willie 145 th ; Frazier, Gloria 123 rd , Horne, Billy 71 st , Neal, Jay 1 st .	HB 124 - Georgia Public Safety Training Center; training of elected members; require Requires newly elected members of a municipal governing authority to complete a public safety training course to better prepare municipal officials to respond in a state of public emergency; to provide for contingencies; to provide for related matters... To view, substitute bill click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/hb124_LC_35_1601S_hs_4.htm	
House Second Reader 1/29/10.	House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil	HB 182	Representatives: Austin, Rick 10 th ; Scott, Martin 2 nd ; Jerguson, Sean 22 nd ; Williams, Mark 178 th ; Horne, Billy 71 st ; and Roberts, Jay 154 th .	HB 182 - Firearms; discharge; counties or municipalities; provisions Provide that no county or municipality shall impose any limitation or prohibition on the discharge of firearms that is applicable to tracts of property of five or more acres located within such municipality or county; To view, click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/hb182_LC_28_4427_a_2.htm	Concerns about the distance a projectile can travel. This is just not a good idea. GMA clearly opposes the bill.
House Second Reader 3/4/09.	House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil	HB 615	Representatives: Bearden of the 68 th , Horne of the 71 st , Austin of the 10 th , Powell of the 29 th , Jerguson of the 22 nd , and others	HB 615 - Firearms; carrying of concealed weapons; revise laws Greatly expands where concealed weapons may be carried (churches, universities, etc.), transfer license issuing to Secretary of State and removes the Governor's emergency powers over firearms in a state emergency. Establishes "permanent" license provisions for \$40 fee. <i>This is a very comprehensive bill.</i> To fully understand all of the provisions of this legislation, click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/hb615_LC_28_4596ER_a_2.htm	The GACP President and several members of the Board met with the author about their concerns. No additional comments.
House Second Reader 1/25/10.	House Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security	HB 938	Representatives: Peake, Allen 137 th ; Rice, Tom 51 st , Ramsey, Matt 72 nd , Lindsey, Edward 54 th ; and Oliver, Mary 83 rd .	HB 938 - Motor vehicles; revocation of licenses; wireless telecommunication devices; prohibit use To prohibit use of wireless telecommunications devices for sending or reading text messages while operating a motor vehicle; To view, click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/hb938_LC_34_2366_a_2.htm	This bill will be dropped in favor of HB 944 with the consent of the author.

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House Second Readers 1/26/10.	House Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security	HB 944	Representatives: Amerson, Amos 9 th ; Williams, Roger 4 th ; Wilkinson, Joe 52 nd ; Smith, and others.	HB 944 - Motor vehicles; use of wireless telecommunications devices; prohibit To prohibit certain use of wireless telecommunications devices by persons while operating a motor vehicle... To view, click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/hb944_LC_28_4907_a_2.htm	Two thumbs up on this bill!
House Second Readers on 1/26/10.	House Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security	HB 945	Representatives: Amerson of the 9 th and Williams of the 4 th .	HB 945 - Uniform rules of the road; use of radios and mobile telephones; change certain provisions Relating to miscellaneous provisions of uniform rules of the road, so as to change certain provisions relating to drivers' exercise of due care and proper use of radios and mobile telephones; to prohibit certain use of wireless telecommunications devices; to provide for enforcement;... To view, click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/hb945_LC_28_4906_a_2.htm	Evaluating. This bill may be combined with others.
House Second Reader 1/28/10.	House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil	HB 978	Representatives: Bearden of the 68 th , Bruce of the 64 th , and Powell of the 29 th	HB 978 - Speed detection devices; name roads to be used; visible at 500 feet; repeal Repeal the requirement that applications for the use of speed detection devices name the roads on which such devices are to be used; to repeal the requirement that vehicles using speed detection devices be visible for a distance of at least 500 feet... To view, click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/hb978_LC_28_4939_a_2.htm	Scheduled for a sub-committee but the author said he was not ready to proceed. Time may kill this good bill.
House Second Reader on 2/1/10.	House Committee on the Judiciary	HB 1009	Representatives: Marin of the 96 th , Mitchell of the 88 th , Brooks of the 63 rd , Taylor of the 55 th , Drenner of the 86 th , and others.	HB 1009 - Motor vehicles; prohibit law enforcement from using race or ethnicity; provisions Requires policies that prohibit law enforcement officers from impermissibly using race or ethnicity in determining whether to stop a motorist or pedestrian; to require annual training of law enforcement officers on impermissible uses of race and ethnicity in stopping motorists or pedestrians; to require law enforcement officers to document the race, ethnicity, and gender of a motorist and passengers or pedestrian;... To view, click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/fulltext/hb1009.htm	Cross Reference SB 325. GACP agrees racial profiling is wrong; however, this bill & SB 325 does nothing to help the profession.
Senate Recommended 1/11/10.	Senate Committee on Special Judiciary	SB 127	Senator Wiles, John 37 th	SB 127 - Judicial Accounting; add a penalty, late fees, and interest for failure to remit certain funds/reports to Ga. Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Adds a penalty, late fees, and interest for failure to remit certain funds and reports to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority;... To view, click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/sb127_As_introduced_LC_25_5461_2.htm	This would cost the cities a lot of money. GMA is clearly against the bill. We stand by GMA on this one.

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Senate Committee Favorably Reported on 2/16/10.	Awaiting Senate Rules committee action	SB 291	Senators: Shafer, David 48 th ; Douglas, John 17 th ; Sims, Freddie 12 th ; Rogers, Chip 21 st ; Powell, J. 23 rd ; and Tolleson, Ross 20 th .	SB 291 - Firearms; laws concerning carrying of concealed weapons; revise comprehensively To revise comprehensively the laws concerning the carrying of concealed weapons; to revise the method by which licenses to carry weapons are issued; to prohibit the carrying of certain items in certain buildings; to provide exceptions;... To view, click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/sb291_Committee_sub_LC_35_1721S_4.htm	No Comment
Senate Read and Referred on 1/11/10. Substitute bill offered.	Senate Committee on Public Safety	SB 295	Senator: Seabaugh, Mitch 28 th	SB 295 - Motor Vehicles; prohibit municipalities from using speed detection devices on federal aid systems Substitute bill offered...the substitute bill reduces from 40% to 35% - " <i>the rebuttable presumption that a law enforcement agency is employing speed detection devices for purposes other than the promotion of public health, welfare, and safety if the fines levied based on the use of speed detection devices for speeding offenses are equal to or greater than 40% of that law enforcement agency's budget; ... (See OCGA 40-14-11)</i> " The substitute bill has not yet been posted.	Both GMA and GACP oppose.
Senate Committee Favorably Reported on 3/9/10.	Senate Committee on Special Judiciary	SB 308	Senators: Seabaugh of the 28 th , Rogers of the 21 st , Smith of the 52 nd , Unterman of the 45 th , Mullis of the 53 rd and others	SB 308 - Firearms; carrying and possession; change provisions; definitions Comprehensive changes in firearms laws ...provisions regarding the carrying and possession of firearms; ... To view Senate Special Judiciary Committee substitute, click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/sb308_Committee_sub_LC_29_4230S_4.htm	No further comments at this time on any of the gun bills.
Senate Read and Referred on 1/14/10.	Senate Committee on Judiciary	SB 312	Senator: Harbison of the 15 th	SB 312 - Proceedings; indictment of a peace officer for crimes in performing his/her duties; provisions To change provisions relating to the procedure for indictment of a peace officer for crimes in the performance of his or her duties; ... To view, click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/sb312_As_introduced_LC_21_0540_2.htm	Bad bill for law enforcement
Senate Committee Favorably	Senate Committee on Public Safety	SB 318	Senators: Murphy of the 27th, Rogers of the 21st, Hill of the 32nd, Wiles of the 37th, Hill of the 4th and others.	SB 318 - Civil Practice; provide for affidavit to accompany a complaint against certain law enforcement professionals To provide for an affidavit to accompany a complaint against certain law enforcement professionals ... To view Senate Public Safety Committee substitute , click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/sb318_Committee_sub_LC35_1760S_4.htm	A change in this bill make it now unacceptable!

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Senate Read and Referred on 1/27/10.	Senate Committee on Public Safety	SB 325	Senators: Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Sims of the 12th, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th and others	<p>SB 325 - Traffic; require policies that prohibit law enforcement officers from impermissibly using race in determining whether to stop a motorist Requires policies that prohibit law enforcement officers from impermissibly using race or ethnicity in determining whether to stop a motorist or pedestrian; to require annual training of law enforcement officers on impermissible uses of race and ethnicity in stopping motorists or pedestrians; to require law enforcement officers to document the race, ethnicity, and gender of a motorist and passengers or pedestrian; ... To view, click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/sb325_As_introduced_LC_34_2389_2.htm</p>	Cross Reference HB 1009. GACP agrees racial profiling is wrong; however, this bill & SB 325 does nothing to help the profession.
Senate Read Second Time 3/9/10.	Senate Committee on Judiciary	SB 342	Senators: Smith of the 52nd, Butterworth of the 50th, Mullis of the 53rd, Shafer of the 48th, Pearson of the 51st and others	<p>SB 342 - Governor; revise powers to suspend, limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of firearms during states of emergency Revises the powers of the Governor to suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of firearms during states of emergency; to provide for related matters;... To view Senate Judiciary Committee substitute, click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/sb342_Committee_sub_LC_29_4189S_4.htm</p>	
Senate Committee Favorably	Senate Committee on Public Safety	SB 373	Senators: Grant of the 25th, Murphy of the 27th, Crosby of the 13th, Douglas of the 17th and Staton of the 18th	<p>SB 373 - Peace Officers; investigation of a applicant's good moral character; applying for appointment or certification Relating to the employment and training of peace officers, so as change certain provisions relating to the investigation of an applicant's good moral character when applying for appointment or certification as a peace officer; to provide immunities relating thereto; ... Senate substitute bill offered. To view Senate Public Safety Committee substitute, click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/sb373_Committee_sub_LC_35_1734S_4.htm</p>	GACP's Bill! It has to be reworded to be acceptable to some Senators. Hopefully it will get through this session.
Senate read and referred on 2/16/10.	Senate Committee on Health and Human Services	SB 418	Senators: Carter of the 1st, Hawkins of the 49th, Harp of the 29th, Thomas of the 54th, Goggans of the 7th and others	<p>SB 418 - Controlled Substance; establishment of a program; monitoring of prescribing/dispensing Schedule II, III, IV, or V A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to provide for the establishment of a program for the monitoring of prescribing and dispensing Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances by the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency; to provide for definitions; to require dispensers to submit certain information regarding the dispensing of such controlled substances;... To view, click on this link: http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/sb418_As_introduced_LC_33_3503_2.htm</p>	Good bill and needed to keep some from prescribing drugs without a physical examination for someone who says, I need...