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HB 93	**	Reassigned to house public safety. Moved out to rules committee on 2/9/2016.	Pezold - 133rd Ramsey - 72nd Allison - 8th Atwood - 179th Powell - 32nd Caldwell - 20th	Provides provisions for the identification and regulation of motor vehicles and prohibits law enforcement from retaining license plate data obtained from automated license plate recognition systems for certain periods. The limit stated in the bill is 30 days. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/157035.pdf	Recommitted 02/09/2016 This bill now has a 90 day cap for keeping license plate reader data, with certain exceptions. This is not a very good bill because the retention time is shorter than what is wanted by law enforcement executives.
HB 591	**	Tabled by the Retirement Committee	Hitchens - 161st Lumsden - 12th	Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/150763.pdf	This bill would increase monthly dues from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per month and impose a tax on vehicle insurance to provide more money for the POAB Retirement Fund. This bill will more than likely not move this year.
HB 722	*	Judiciary Non-Civil	Peake - 141st Gravley - 67th Powell - 32nd Ramsey - 72nd Meadows - 5th England - 116th Dawkins-Haigler - 91st	"Haleigh's Hope Act" Part II - Concerns the regulated use of cannabis oil to treat certain medical conditions. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/154362.pdf	Added additional illnesses to be covered, added additional penalties and added additional protections for health care providers and institutions. GACP is neutral at this time pending revisions in this bill. See attached Addendum 1.

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HB 727	*	Regulated Industries	Battles - 15th Turner - 21st Parsons - 44th LaRiccia - 169th Kaiser - 59th	Fireworks; certain further regulations by counties and municipal corporations http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/154237.pdf	This relates to the regulation of fireworks by local governments and city and municipal corporations. It also provides for local excise taxation of consumer fireworks and the collection of such excise tax. This appears to be a good bill.
HB 779	*	Judiciary Non-Civil	Tanner - 9th Lumsden - 12th Watson - 172nd Prince - 127th Broadrick - 4th	Regulates the use of unmanned aircraft systems and images . http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/154750.pdf	This bill will regulate the use of unmanned aircraft systems and images captured by such systems . This bill will also regulate the use of unmanned aircraft systems in connection to hunting and fishing. This appears to be a good bill.
HB 805	*	Ways & Means	Powell - 32nd Rice - 95th Stephens - 164th Harrell - 106th Maxwell - 17th Kelley - 16th	This bill relates to the regulation of transportation for hire. It provides for the regulation of taxis. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/155236.pdf	Does away with sales and use tax for taxis, limos and services such as Uber.

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HB 827	*	House Rules Committee	Holcomb - 81st Bennett - 80th Pak - 108th Quick - 117th Abrams - 89th Cooper - 43rd	"Pursuing Justice for Rape Victims Act" http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/155341.pdf	This bill provides requirements for submitting certain evidence collected from a forensic medical examination to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The agency collecting the evidence must notify the GBI/DOFS within 72 hours and submit the evidence within 30 days of collection. This is a good bill for law enforcement professionalization and for the victims. The DNA results will be sent to CODIS.
HB 859	*	Public Safety and Homeland Security	Jasperse - 11th Ballinger - 23rd Meadows - 5th Powell - 32nd Hightower - 68th Kelley - 6th	This bill relates to carrying weapons at colleges. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/155795.pdf	This bill relates to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to authorize the carrying and possession of certain weapons by weapons carry license holders in or on certain buildings or real property owned by or leased to public institutions of postsecondary education. The GACP is monitoring this bill.
HB 941	*	Awaiting assignment 2/8/2016	Golick - 40th Atwood - 179th Pak - 108th Abrams - 89th	Review of incidents involving a peace officer's use of deadly force that results in death or serious bodily injury. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/156792.pdf	Relates to grand jury testimony of officers. The testimony will now be recorded by a court reporter and the officer is subject to cross examination of their testimony. GACP embraces the concepts associated with this bill. Minor changes are needed and the author has agreed to those changes.

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SB 263	*	HC: Public Safety and Homeland Security	Thompson - 14th Harper - 7th Bethel - 54th Mullis - 53rd Shafer - 48th Cowsert - 46th	Law Enforcement Officers; Disability in Line of Duty http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/155977.pdf	If you retire or have a line of duty disability you could be allowed to keep your badge and gun. This is a good idea, but the bill needs to state full-time officers and a work record specifying a number of years worked.
SB 270	*	Public Safety	Martin IV - 9th Hill - 32nd Harper - 7th Unterman - 45th Mullis - 53rd Millar - 40th	Authorizes qualified retired law enforcement officers to carry their handgun anywhere within this state. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/155863.pdf	Authorizes retired and off duty officers to carry a gun anywhere in the state. The purpose of this bill is that it would make retired officers from other states able to carry weapons in the same locations as retired Georgia law enforcement officers.
SR 932	*	Awaiting assignment 02/08/2016	Harper - 7th	Recognizing the State Law Enforcement Certification Program Cross reference with HR http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/156815.pdf	This is a program managed by GACP.

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Bills Introduced In 2015

The bills below failed to pass during the 2015 legislative session. Typically, unless something unusual happens, the content of bills that have become non-active will not become law this year. However, a word of caution - the bills below may be resurrected during this session. This year (2016) is the second year of a two year session.

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HB 5		Did Not Pass Last Year	Geisinger - 48th Kidd - 145th McCall - 33rd Rice - 95th Bentley - 139th	Regulates the lawful use/possession of drones and the images obtained through their usage.	Has not moved since its second reading on 02/12/2015. This bill will probably die.
HB 32		Did Not Pass Last Year	Mitchell - 88th Scott - 76th	Requires law enforcement officers to be equipped with body cameras and provides regulations.	Has not moved since its second reading on 01/28/2015. This bill will probably die.
HB 56		Did Not Pass Last Year	Tanner - 9th Golick - 40th Hugley - 136th Efstration - 104th & Others	Provides regulations and provisions for the issuance, use and execution of No-Knock Search Warrants.	Has not moved since its second reading on 01/26/2015. This bill will probably die.

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HB 103	**	Did Not Pass Last Year	Belton - 112th Dickerson - 113th Tanner - 9th & Others	Prohibits any person from intentionally causing a minor to be identified as the individual in an obscene depiction.	Recommitted on 01/11/2016.
HB 494	**	Did Not Pass Last Year	Gravley - 67th Hitchens - 161st Cook - 18 & & Others	Allows POST to issue firearm carry cards for qualified retired law enforcement officers for a set fee. (HR218-Federal Legislation)	Recommitted on 04/02/2015.

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