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HB1	**	Senate Health & Human Services Committee	Peake - 141st Gravley - 67th Kaiser - 59th Ramsey - 72nd McCall - 33rd Golick - 40th	"Haleigh's Hope" - Concerns the regulated use of cannabis oil to treat certain medical conditions. Please see SB 185 http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/1	If the bill had remained within the parameters of cannabis oil for children under 18, GACP may have maintained a neutral stance; however, it did not. Additionally, the committee allowed a higher THC concentration to be placed into the bill as well as extended the illnesses for persons over 18 years of age. GACP does feel this will segway into legalizing marijuana.
HB71	**	Senate Judiciary Committee: Non-Civil	Tanner - 9th Golick - 40th Caldwell - 131st Atwood - 179th Oliver - 82nd Fleming - 121st	Affects the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights and includes communication and information sharing between Pardons and Paroles and allows input from victims before a pardon is granted or a death sentence is commuted to a life sentence. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/71	The authors are very astute and willing to listen to the Parole Board's concerns about releasing certain kinds of information. Several changes in this bill have made this bill passable.
HB103	*	Senate Judiciary Committee: Non-Civil	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.	Good bill and well vetted

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HB233	**	Senate Judiciary Committee: Non-Civil	Atwood - 179th Dudgeon - 25th Geisinger - 48th Dunahoo - 30th Jasperse - 11th	Relates to state asset forfeitures http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/233	This is basically the same as last year's end version of HB1 dealing with state asset forfeitures. This is a good and very acceptable bill. If you would like more information, please call the GACP office. The bill consolidates all of the sections of the O.C.G.A. dealing with forfeitures into one area of the code.
HB461	**	Senate Regulated Industries & Utilities	Shaw - 176th Strickland - 111th Stephens - 165th Maxwell - 17th Others	Relates to changes in metal theft definitions and provides for additional penalties for non-reporting. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/461	This bill is designed to tweak a major metal theft bill that became law several years ago. GACP has encouraged the author to make several changes in the bill and he has conceded to "some" of the changes. After the changes were made in the original draft, it is now a very acceptable piece of legislation.
HB492	*	Senate Public Safety	Jasperse - 11th Powell - 32nd Meadows - 5th Hightower - 68th Ballinger - 23rd Roberts - 155th	Changes the definitions of some weapons that may be carried on school property. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/492	Acceptable bill even to critics of General Gun Legislation.

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SB72	*	House Judiciary Committee Non-Civil	Mullis - 53rd Harper - 7th Watson - 1st Albers - 56th Seay - 34th Jones - 22nd	Crimes stated for injuring or killing law enforcement dogs. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/72	This bill protects law enforcement K-9s and other law enforcement animals such as horses. This is a good bill.
SB94	**	House Judiciary Committee Non-Civil	Bethel - 54th Cowsert - 46th	Relates to criminal procedure and witness identification accuracy. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/94	The way this bill passed out of the Judiciary Committee is acceptable to GACP.
SB134	*	House Judiciary Committee Non-Civil	Stone - 23rd Beach - 21st Jones - 22nd Thompson - 5th Miller - 49th Jones - 10th	Concerns the use of speed detection devices - would eliminate the over 17mph exemption to the 40% rule. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/134	This bill, although well intended, needs adjustments before it can be embraced by GACP. GACP representatives met with the author and although he is understanding to our needs, he is concerned that some departments are utilizing their law enforcement authority to support their budgets. He did say he would not object to "reasonable changes" once the bill moves to a House Committee.

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SB154	*	House Judiciary Committee Non-Civil	Stone - 23rd Watson - 1st Harper - 7th Jones - 22nd Rhett - 33rd	Relates to search warrants and private property http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/154	This bill would allow for law enforcement officers to record in a private place while performing their duties. This is a good bill.
SB185	*	House Judiciary Committee Non-Civil	Tippins - 37th Unterman - 45th Millar - 40th Thompson - 14th Miller - 49th Hill - 32nd	Requests a clinical trial of Cannabidiol use for treating Georgia residents under 18 years of age for medically-resistant Epilepsies. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/185	This is a much better bill than HB 1 and other marijuana bills.

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Non-Active Bills

The bills below failed to move out of the originating chamber by the 30th legislative day, which was 3/13/15. 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 resurrected next year for this session. This year (2015) is the first year of a two year session.

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HB5		Did Not Pass	Geisinger - 48th Kidd - 145th McCall - 33rd Rice - 95th Bentley -139th	Regulates the lawful use/possession of drones and the images obtained through their usage.	
HB10		Did Not Pass	Mayo - 84th Kaiser - 59th Drenner - 85th Williams - 87th Waites - 60th	Drivers of motor vehicles can only conduct hands-free telephone calls.	
HB32		Did Not Pass	Mitchell - 88th Scott - 76th	Requires law enforcement officers to be equipped with body cameras and provides regulations.	

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HB33		Did Not Pass	Taylor - 79th Jacobs - 80th Hitchens - 16st Tanner - 9th Lumsden - 12th Marin - 96th	Provides for the criminal offenses of resisting, obstructing, hindering, or opposing a code enforcement officer.	
HB44		Did Not Pass	Smith - 125th	Prohibits the operation of drones in certain areas - relating to interference with property rights.	
HB54		Did Not Pass	Waites - 60th Powell - 32nd Scott - 76th & Others	Provides college tuition for children of officers who died in the line of duty (law enforcement, fire fighters, correctional officers, etc.)	

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HB56		Did Not Pass	Tanner - 9th Golick - 40th Hugley - 136th Efstration - 104th Others	Provides regulations and provisions for the issuance, use and execution of No-Knock Search Warrants.	
HB93		Did Not Pass	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.	
HB430		Did Not Pass	Efstration - 104th Atwood - 179th Reeves - 34th Lumsden - 12th	Relates to search and seizure, invasion of privacy, wiretapping, and surveillance	

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HB494		Did Not Pass	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)	
SB7		Did Not Pass	Thompson -5th	Proposes the use of marijuana to treat certain medical illnesses without provisions.	
SB6		Did Not Pass	McKoon - 29th Crane - 28th Gooch - 51st Heath - 31st Ginn - 47th Ligon - 3rd	Specifies that only a non-citizen with a lawful alien status may obtain a license, permit, or card; and requires the Department of Driver Services to participate in the Records and Information from DMVs for E-Verify Initiative of the United States Department of Homeland Security.	

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SB37		Did Not Pass	Ramsey - 43rd Davenport - 44th Unterman - 45th Tate - 38th Butler - 55th Seay - 34th	Requires law enforcement officers with arrest powers to report allegations of rape to a local law enforcement agency with concurrent jurisdiction and to cooperate fully.	
SB45		Did Not Pass	Fort - 39th Henson - 41st Davenport - 44th Tate - 38th Seay - 34th Butler - 55th	Allows the use of No-Knock search warrants and provides provisions and regulations for the issuance and use of force in the execution of the warrants.	
SB46		Did Not Pass	Fort - 39th Jones - 10th Davenport - 44th Henson - 41st Tate - 38th Seay - 34th	Requires certain peace officers to wear body cameras and recording devices while on duty.	

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SB48		Did Not Pass	Fort - 39th Jones - 22nd Rhett - 33rd Parent - 42nd Orrock - 36th Lucas - 26th	Prohibits restoration of gun rights to persons who have been convicted of a forcible felony.	
SB49		Did Not Pass	Fort - 39th Jones - 10th Henson - 41st Davenport - 44th Tate - 38th Seay - 34th	Repeals the statute relating to the defense of self or others as an absolute defense.	
SB50		Did Not Pass	Fort - 39th Henson - 41st Davenport - 44th Butler - 55th Tate - 38th Seay - 34th	Relates to the appointment of a prosecuting attorney when a law enforcement officer is accused of a felony or an act of family violence.	

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