

HB 142 ETHICS

Strengthens Georgia's ethics laws by implementing, for the first time in history, caps on lobbyist spending on legislators. This bill puts a \$75 cap for lobbyist gifts to legislators and bans the buying of tickets to sporting events

SB 236 DISCLOSURE

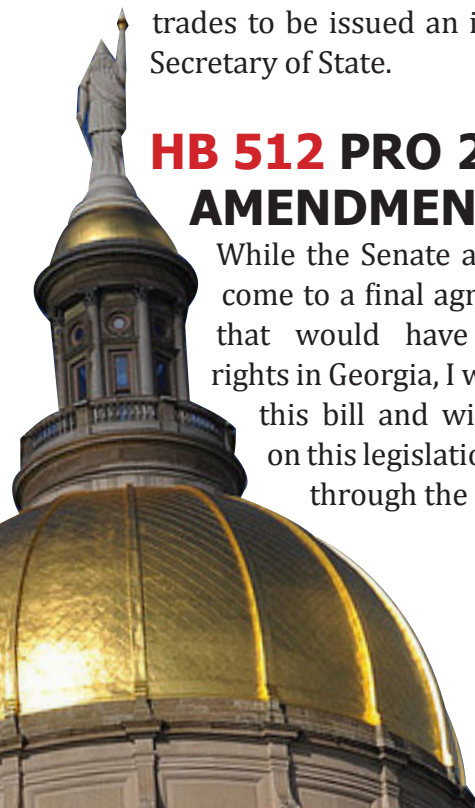
Will require health insurance companies to identify what percentage of premium increases are caused by the implementation of Obamacare.

HB 188 VETERANS

Bill provides for newly discharged veterans who have received training in specialized skilled trades to be issued an initial license by the Secretary of State.

HB 512 PRO 2ND AMENDMENT (Co-Signer)

While the Senate and House could not come to a final agreement on two bills that would have strengthened gun rights in Georgia, I was proud to support this bill and will continue working on this legislation as it works its way through the session this year.



Committees:

- Code Revision
- Economic Development
- Judiciary Non-Civil



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2013

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Friends & Neighbors,

Thank you for the privilege of representing your interests in the Georgia General Assembly. It is a tremendous responsibility that I take seriously.

I am honored and humbled by the trust you have placed in me. Since being sworn in as your Representative, I have worked tirelessly on your behalf. Holding a position of public trust is a privilege and those who are provided this opportunity must advance policies that are Constitutional, thus promoting the preservation and expansion of freedom.

It was a very good session and I am confident that we made improvements that will help all of Georgia's citizens. I have highlighted a few of the bills we passed for your review in this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on my personal cell phone at 404-759-5876.

Sincerely,

REPRESENTATIVE MICAH GRAVLEY

HB 57 SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA (Co-Sponsor)

Legislation to protect Georgians from the growing problem of synthetic marijuana and narcotic "bath salts." These designer drugs can cause extreme paranoia, suicidal tendencies, hallucinations, or even death in some cases. HB 57 helps remove these dangerous substances from store shelves by expanding the list of substances that are considered illegal by the state of Georgia.

HB 234 AUTOMATIC CONTRACT RENEWAL

Protects Georgia consumers from getting trapped in contracts with automatic renewal provisions. HB 234 would require sellers to make sure consumers are aware of any automatic renewal provisions in a service contract before the consumer signs the contract. Additionally, the bill requires sellers to notify consumers one to two months before their contract's cancellation date. This would give consumers a chance to prevent an unwanted automatic contract renewal.

HB 372 HOPE GRANT Expansion

Makes changes to the HOPE Grant program to better assist technical school students who are returning to school for additional job skills. This is an important move to create a skilled workforce in Georgia to help attract jobs.

SB 170 MEDICAL IDENTIFY FRAUD ACT (Sponsor)

Protects the medical identity, healthcare benefits and medical records of Georgia citizens. Medical identity fraud was one of the fastest growing types of identity theft in Georgia targeting seniors and veterans. This bill protects Georgians from medical identity theft.



HB 350 DAYCARE BACKGROUND CHECKS

Will better protect our children by requiring background checks for all employees of licensed daycare facilities.

HB 106 BUDGET

The Fiscal Year 2014 budget totals \$19.8 billion in state funds, and will direct spending for all state agencies, departments, and programs from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

EDUCATION:

- Adds \$146.5 million to fund QBE growth
- Increases Pre-Kindergarten funding to fund 10 additional days, restoring to 180 days
- Provides 3% increase to Hope Scholarships and Grants

BONDS:

- \$850 million total state bonds
- \$646 million for K-12 education, equipment and school buses
- \$398.6 million for college and university construction
- \$3.995 million for new library projects
- \$75 million for public safety agencies

While politicians in D.C. add to our deficit, in Georgia, we are leading by only spending what we take in. Our FY2014 budget is still \$1.7 billion less than the FY2009 budget, with over 500,000 additional citizens to serve.



ABOUT MICAH GRAVLEY

Rep. Gravley has been active in the Douglas and Paulding county area since 1998. In 2009, Micah founded Public Safety Appreciation Day in Paulding County. This event is one of the largest Public Safety events in Georgia. In 2010, Micah formed Paulding Public Safety Appreciation, Inc.; a non-profit organization with an annual countywide festival/fundraiser honoring the men and women of Public Safety in Paulding County.

Rep. Gravley is a 2011 graduate of the Hiram Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy and continues to work closely with law enforcement and public safety leaders in both Douglas and Paulding counties.

In 2013, Gravley was elected to the Georgia State House of Representatives where he represents portions of Douglas and Paulding Counties. Rep. Gravley serves on the Code Revision, Economic Development & Tourism, and Judiciary Non-Civil committees.

Micah is a dedicated man of faith and has participated in Foreign Missions around the world. His international travel has lead him to Africa, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and South America to include Albania, Austria, Ecuador, Egypt, Germany, Israel, the Netherlands, and Switzerland on various humanitarian aid projects and study.

Micah is a graduate of Emmanuel College where he received a Bachelors of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in Business, History and Biblical Studies.

Micah resides in Douglasville with his devoted wife Heather, their three beautiful daughters Hope Elizabeth, Bella Faith, and Abigail Jane, with dogs Reagan and Leah.



Governor Deal signing SB170 into law