

HB 347 ELECTIONS BOARD

Changes the makeup of the Board by giving the local legislative delegation the authority to appoint the chairman, instead of the County Commission. **PASSED**

HB 443 CHIEF JUDGE APPOINTMENT

Authorizes the Governor to appoint the first Chief Judge successor for Fulton County's Magistrate Court and future successors to be elected in non-partisan elections. **PASSED**

HB 541 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (formerly HB 170)

Increases the exemption amount to \$60,000.00 **DID NOT PASS**

HB 346 TAX COMMISSIONER

Shall be nominated by the chairperson of the Board subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners. **DID NOT PASS**

Committees:
Code Revision
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HB 142 ETHICS

Gifts from registered lobbyists are capped at \$75. Lobbyist registration would only be required of those who are compensated for their work, or generate reimbursed expenses of \$250 or more. **PASSED**

HB 512 GUN BILL

Allows firearms to be carried on college campuses, on public school grounds and in churches. **DID NOT PASS**

SB 101 GUN BILL

Allows guns on public college campuses, allows churches to permit weapons, allows school districts to arm school administrators, and add mental health restrictions on concealed weapons permits. **DID NOT PASS**

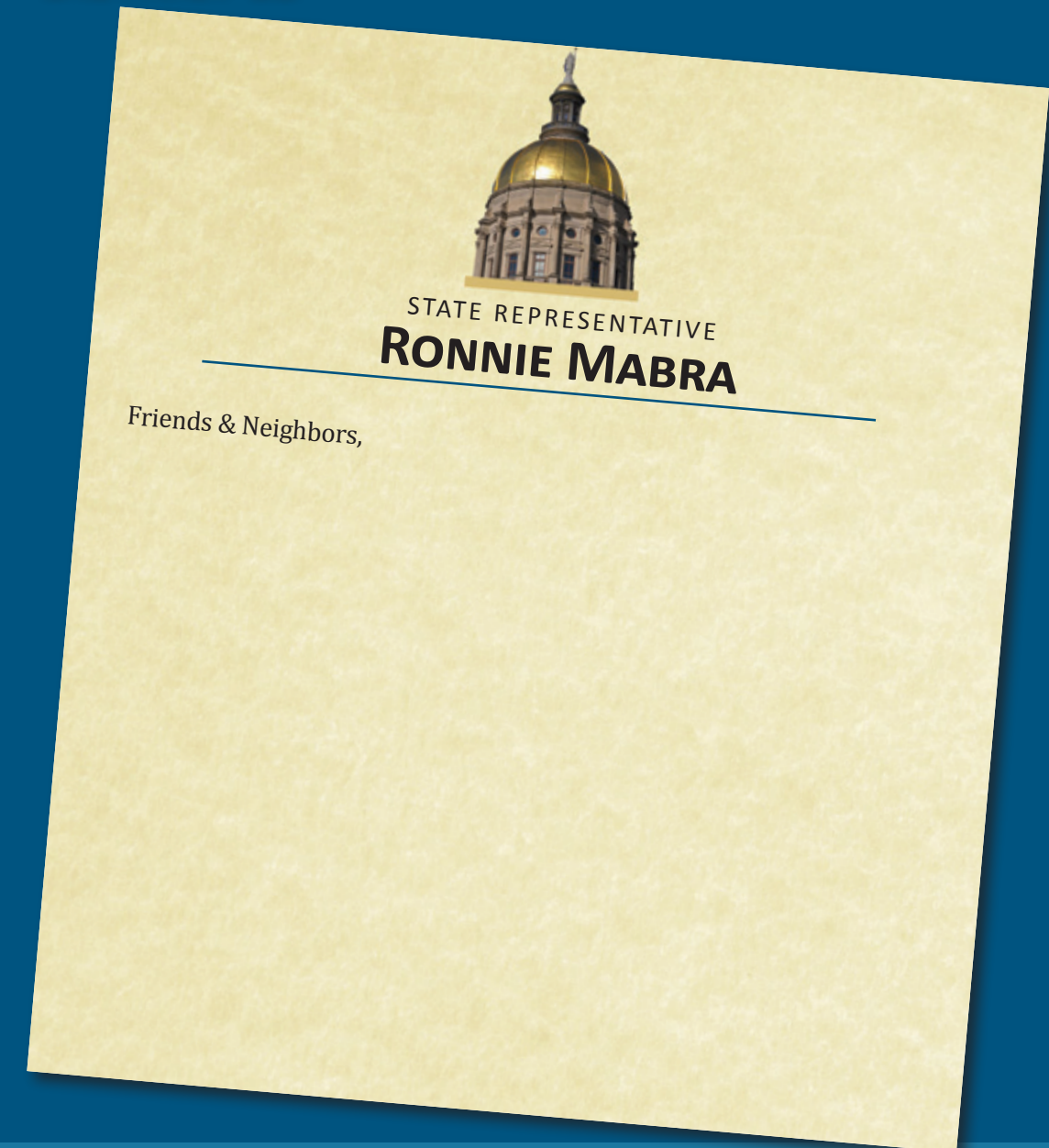
HB 487 VIDEO POKER

Continues to ban the machines from dispensing cash but could reward players with store merchandise or lottery tickets. Some proceeds are to be directed to the HOPE scholarship program. **PASSED**



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
RONNIE MABRA
DISTRICT 63



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**HB 188 MILITARY CERTIFICATIONS**

Allows newly discharged veterans who have received specialized skilled trades training to be issued an initial license if the training received is determined by the agency to be sufficient for a license issuance. This initial license would only apply to the first application and the licensee would still be subject to future requirements. **PASSED**

HB 156 ELECTRONIC PORNOGRAPHY

Any person having custody or control of a child who is solicited online for the sexual exploitation of that child will be held criminally liable. **PASSED**

HB 372 HOPE GRANT

Reinstates the 2.0 grade point average for technical college students to be eligible for the HOPE Grant. **PASSED**

HB 242 COURTS

Provides community-based alternatives to locking up juvenile offenders and require fewer to be incarcerated. **PASSED**

HB 350 CHILD CARE

Requires both operators and employees of Georgia's child care facilities to undergo a federal fingerprint check. **PASSED**

HB 106 APPROPRIATIONS (THE BUDGET)

State Fiscal Year 2014. 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 includes an increase in funds for K-12 education and for Pre-Kindergarten, part of which will allow Georgia Pre-K to add ten more days to its school year. Training and experience pay raises for teachers.

Health and Human Services (the second largest increase in state funding) will go to Georgia's agencies, including Alzheimer's and Respite Services and foster care service providers.

Other state agencies (will receive the remaining state funding) for road project funding and Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

The Bond package includes funding to public safety agencies for renovations and improvements at Georgia National Guard armories, state prisons and juvenile facilities statewide. *(This is not the full version, just a brief highlight of the budget).*

BILLS AFFECTING DISTRICT 63**HB 171 THE NORTH FULTON RE-DISTRICTING PLAN: NEW BOC MAP**

-Abolishes one (1) (county-wide) At-Large Commission district.

-Adds New district in North Fulton County.

-Three (minority) incumbents Darnell, Eaves and Edwards are placed in one (1) district.

-3 Districts in the North, 3 Districts in the South, 1 At Large.

PASSED but requires "pre-clearance" by the U.S. Justice Department before it can become law.

HB 399 AD VALOREM TAX; AIRPORT TAX

Ad Valorem is a property tax.

-Only affects Clayton County.

-Holders of usufructs in municipally owned airports shall not be subject to a property tax by the county government in which the airport is located.

-Hartsfield Jackson International Airport-80% in Clayton County.

DID NOT PASS

HB 528 HOTEL/MOTEL TAX

-I was second signer as Vice Chairman of Fayette Delegation.

-To increase Hotel Motel Tax in Peachtree City.

-Peachtree City Council was for it except for 1 person.

-Hotels liked the bill too.

-To help attract more conventions by building up facilities via the tax.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE
RONNIE MABRA**

State Representative Ronnie Mabra Jr. was sworn in as a member of the Georgia General Assembly on January 14, 2013. Ronnie serves as the State Representative for District 63 which covers residents of South Fulton, North Fayette, and South Clayton Counties. Ronnie is currently a member of the Judiciary, Higher Education, and Code Revision committees.

Ronnie has called Georgia home his entire life. He is a proud native of Fayetteville where he was a standout varsity athlete for the Fayette County High School Tigers. Despite several out-of-state opportunities, Ronnie was committed to staying in Georgia and attended the Georgia Institute of Technology.

In addition to serving in the Georgia General Assembly, Ronnie is also a dedicated trial lawyer and founder of the Mabra Firm, LLC., a personal injury firm in Midtown Atlanta. Ronnie is an active member of the legal community. He is a member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association and the Fayette County Bar Association.

Ronnie is married to former Ms. Dawn Brawley of Queens, New York. Ronnie and Dawn met during his last year of law school. The couple courted, fell in love, and were married soon after. Ronnie has a strong sense of obligation to Georgia for the many opportunities this state has given to him.

