

**2017 Georgia Baptist Mission Board  
Closely Monitored Legislation  
As of Feb. 1, 2017**



**Georgia Baptist  
Mission Board**

**House Bills**

**HB 2 Childhood sexual abuse; revival of certain claims; change provisions**

(1) Spencer, Jason 180th

*Legislation to amend laws relating to actions for childhood sexual abuse, so as to change provisions relating to the revival of certain claims; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws.*

**HB 118 Fantasy Contests Act**

(1) Kelley, Trey 16th(2) Harrell, Brett 106th(3) Clark, David 98th

(4) Frye, Spencer 118th(5) Martin, Chuck 49th

*This bill provides for the licensing, registration, regulation, and taxation of daily fantasy sports gambling and similar operations.*

**HB 158 State government; create Georgia Gaming Commission; authorize licensing of up to two destination resorts**

(1) Stephens, Ron 164th(2) Smyre, Calvin 135th(3) Maxwell, Howard 17th

(4) Evans, Stacey 42nd(5) Rakestraw, Paulette 19th(6) Henson, Michele 86th

*This bill is the enabling legislation for casinos in two locations (vs. six in last year's bill), one in metro Atlanta, and one TBA. Most likely the 2<sup>nd</sup> location will be in Savannah. There will still need to be a Constitutional Amendment passed by the legislature so that a ballot can be offered in 2018.*

**HB 175 Alcoholic beverages; reduce prohibited distance between schools and establishments that sell alcohol for consumption on premises; permit by resolution or ordinance**

(1) Cox, Clay 108th(2) Maxwell, Howard 17th(3) Chandler, Joyce 105th

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**House Resolutions**

**HR 36 Medical cannabis; production and sale to certain individuals for medical usage**

(1) Peake, Allen 141st(2) Gravley, Micah 67th(3) Powell, Alan 32nd

(4) Clark, David 98th(5) Battles, Paul 15th(6) Stephens, Ron 164th

*This resolution would add a Constitutional amendment question on the 2018 ballot to allow for in-state production of marijuana and sale of medical marijuana. All revenue would go to a department (not the general fund) and state sales taxes (if any) would go to a fund for drug treatment programs.*

**HB 173 Mental health; marriage and family therapists to perform certain acts**

(1) Chandler, Joyce 105th(2) Rakestraw, Paulette 19th(3) Carter, Amy 175th

(4) Maxwell, Howard 17th(5) Beverly, James 143rd

*Legislation to authorize marriage and family therapists to perform certain acts which physicians, psychologists, and others are authorized to perform regarding emergency examinations of persons for involuntary evaluation and treatment for mental illness or alcohol or drug abuse.*

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**Senate Bills**

**SB 17 Alcoholic Beverages; provide governing authorities of counties in which the sale for consumption is lawful; authorize certain time on Sundays**

(1) Unterman, Renee 45th(2) Miller, Butch 49th(3) Ginn, Frank 47th

(4) Mullis, Jeff 53rd(5) Beach, Brandon 21st(6) Jackson, Lester 2nd

*This bill authorizes counties and municipalities to adopt a resolution or ordinance that allows Sunday sales of alcohol from 10:30 A.M. until 12:00 Midnight, if they lawfully sell alcohol for consumption on the premises. In closed packages for consumption off the premises, sales are authorized from 12:30 P.M. until 12:00 midnight.*

**SB 79 'Destination Resort Act'; licensing of up to two destination resorts in this state; authorize**

(1) Beach, Brandon 21st(2) Tate, Horacena 38th(3) Black, Ellis 8th

(4) Mullis, Jeff 53rd(5) Harbison, Ed 15th

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**Senate Resolutions**

**SR 105 United States Constitution; religious organizations receive public aid; prevent discrimination - CA**

(1) Heath, Bill 31st(2) Shafer, David 48th(3) Cowsert, Bill 46th

(4) Kennedy, John 18th(5) Mullis, Jeff 53rd(6) Stone, Jesse 23rd

*A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, in a manner consistent with the United States Constitution, so as to prevent discrimination in the public funding of social services by allowing religious or faith based organizations to receive public aid, directly or indirectly, for the provision of such services.*