

## **GEORGIA BIO 2021 LEGISLATIVE TRACKING SHEET**

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### **BILLS**

#### **[HB 3 - Conservation and natural resources; certain conditions for permits for facilities that emit ethylene oxide; provide](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Erick E. Allen (D - Smyrna)

**Bill Status:** House Natural Resources & Environment

**Summary:** HB 3 relates to certain conditions required for permitting of facilities that emit ethylene oxide

#### **[HB 49; Mental Health Parity Act](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Shelly Hutchinson (D - Snellville)

**Bill Status:** House Insurance Committee

**Summary:** HB 49 would require that insurer treatment of mental health and substance use disorder claims be treated in parity with other health insurance claims.

#### **[HB 72; New Mothers Medicaid Expansion Act](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Carolyn Hugley (D - Columbus)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services Committee

**Summary:** HB 49 would require the Department of Community Health to allow mothers giving birth to newborns to retain Medicaid eligibility for one year following birth.

#### **[HB 73 – Insurance; reduce out-of-pocket costs for consumers requiring insulin](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Carolyn Hugley (D - Columbus)

**Bill Status:** House Insurance Committee

**Summary:** HB 73 would implement a \$50 out-of-pocket cap on insulin prescriptions for Medicaid and PeachCare recipients. It also outlines annual reporting requirements to the Department of Insurance.

### **[HB 80; Supplemental Appropriations Act](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. David Ralston (R – Blue Ridge)

**Bill Status:** Passed/Signed by Governor

**Summary:** HB 80 is the supplemental appropriations bill to adjust spending for the amended FY2021 budget.

### **[HB 81; General Appropriations Act](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. David Ralston (R – Blue Ridge)

**Bill Status:** Joint Conference Committee

**Summary:** HB 81 is the general appropriations bill to outline spending for the FY2022 budget.

### **[HB 93; eliminate duplicative state licensure and regulation of clinical laboratories](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Sharon Cooper (R - Marietta)

**Bill Status:** Senate Passed

**Summary:** HB 93 would eliminate duplicative state licensure and regulation of clinical laboratories, including amending requirements under the “Nuclear Pharmacy Act.”

### **[HB 115; prohibit certain insurers from using information derived from genetic testing for any nontherapeutic purpose in the absence of a diagnosis of a condition related to such information](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Mike Wilensky (D - Dunwoody)

**Bill Status:** House Insurance Committee

**Summary:** HB 115 would put restrictions on how insurers can use results from genetic testing

without a diagnosis in determining coverage in addition to updated definitions and qualifications of insurers.

### [HB 117; Low THC Oil Patient Registry](#)

**Bill Author:** Rep. Mike Wilensky (D - Dunwoody)

**Bill Status:** Senate Rules Calendar 3/29

**Summary:** HB 117 would add ulcerative colitis to the list of approved conditions on the Low THC Oil Patient Registry for treatment with Low THC oil.

### [HB 125; creation of missing persons DNA database](#)

**Bill Author:** Rep. Rick Williams (R - Milledgeville)

**Bill Status:** House Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee

**Summary:** HB 125 would provide for the establishment and oversight of a missing persons database by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

### [HB 126; collection of biological specimens for DNA testing of missing persons](#)

**Bill Author:** Rep. Rick Williams (R - Milledgeville)

**Bill Status:** House Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee

**Summary:** HB 126 would provide regulations for law enforcement officers and agencies to collect biological specimens for DNA testing of missing children and adults.

### [HB 163; Medicaid express lane enrollment option](#)

**Bill Author:** Rep. Sharon Cooper (R - Marietta)

**Bill Status:** Senate Passed

**Summary:** HB 163 would direct the Department of Community Health to submit a state plan amendment to implement express lane enrollment in Medicaid to direct the Department of Human Services to automatically enroll and renew eligible children.

### **[HB 164; Prescription Drug Consumer Financial Protection Act](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Demetrius Douglas (D - Stockbridge)

**Bill Status:** House Special Committee on Access to Quality Health Care

**Summary:** HB 164 would require all health insurers to pass along no less than 80 percent of all third-party prescription drug rebates to enrollees.

### **[HB 209; Establish Medicaid Expansion Program](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Donna McLeod (D - Lawrenceville)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services

**Summary:** HB 164 would require all health insurers to pass along no less than 80 percent of all third party prescription drug rebates to enrollees.

### **[HB 304; Georgia Made Medical Manufacturing Act](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Jodi Lott (R - Evans)

**Bill Status:** House Ways & Means Committee

**Summary:** HB 304 would establish a tax incentive for pharmaceutical and medical supply manufacturing operations in Georgia.

### **[HB 307; Revise Georgia Telehealth Act](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Sharon Cooper (R - Marietta)

**Bill Status:** Senate Rules Calendar 3/29

**Summary:** HB 307 would revise provisions of the Georgia Telehealth Act, including the authorization of health care providers to provide telemedicine services from home and authorize patients to receive telehealth services from home, work or school.

### **[HB 413; Prohibit local governments from requiring individuals to submit to vaccinations unless they meet certain criteria](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Beth Camp (R - Concord)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services Committee

**Summary:** HB 413 would prohibit local governments from requiring individuals to submit to vaccinations unless they meet certain criteria, including full FDA authorization (not just emergency use authorization) and long-term safety evaluations.

### [HB 450; Revise Low THC Oil Patient Registry](#)

**Bill Author:** Rep. Mark Newton (R - Augusta)

**Bill Status:** Senate Health & Human Services Committee

**Summary:** HB 450 would authorize the Department of Public Health to release deidentified data from the Low THC Oil Patient Registry to government entities for research.

### [HB 504; Georgia Agribusiness and Rural Jobs Act](#)

**Bill Author:** Rep. Bruce Williamson (R - Monroe)

**Bill Status:** House Ways & Means Committee

**Summary:** HB 504 is an extension of the Rural Jobs Act from 2017. The Georgia Made Medical Manufacturing Act (HB 304) language was added to this bill. The portion we are following would implement a tax credit for pharmaceutical and medical supply manufacturing operations in Georgia.

### [HB 587; Georgia Economic Renewal Act of 2021](#)

**Bill Author:** Rep. Bruce Williamson (R - Monroe)

**Bill Status:** Senate Rules Calendar 3/29

**Summary:** HB 587 is a tax incentive package containing the language from the Georgia Made Medical Manufacturing Act (HB 304). The portion we are following would implement a tax credit for pharmaceutical and medical supply manufacturing operations in Georgia.

### [HB 637; Require continued mask/facial protection for 12 months following conclusion of a public health emergency](#)

**Bill Author:** Rep. Spencer Frye (D - Athens)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services Committee

**Summary:** HB 637 would authorize persons to wear masks, hoods, or other devices to prevent the spread of a contagious or infectious disease during and for 12 months following the conclusion of a public health emergency.

#### **[HB 653; Revise the Georgia Pharmacy Practice Act](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Rick Jasperse (R - Jasper)

**Bill Status:** Senate Rules Calendar 3/29

**Summary:** HB 653 would revise the definition of “pharmacy care” to include at-home, FDA-approved tests and results as well as viral and serology COVID-19 tests.

#### **[HB 823; Prescription Drug Rebate Financial Protection Act](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Mark Newton (R - Augusta)

**Bill Status:** N/A

**Summary:** HB 823 would require all health insurers to pass along no less than 80 percent of all third-party prescription drug rebates to enrollees.

#### **[SB 1 - Georgia All-Payer Claims Database; entities that receive certain tax credits; self-funded, employer sponsored health insurance plans are submitting entities; provide](#)**

**Bill Author:** Sen. Dean Burke (R - Bainbridge)

**Bill Status:** Senate Finance Committee

**Summary:** SB 1 provides that entities who provide self-funded or employer-sponsored health insurance plans and receive certain tax credits be considered “submitting entities” with the Georgia All-Payer Claims Database.

#### **[SB 6 – Tax Credit Return on Investment Act of 2021](#)**

**Bill Author:** Sen. John Albers (R - Roswell)

**Bill Status:** Senate Disagreed to House Substitute

**Summary:** SB 6 would allow the chairs of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee to request an independent economic analyses for certain tax benefits by the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB). \*\*Now includes House Bills 586 and 587 as well as language from Senate Bill 148

### **[SB 46 – Authorize certain medical personnel to administer vaccines during public health emergencies](#)**

**Bill Author:** Sen. Dean Burke (R - Bainbridge)

**Bill Status:** House Rules Committee

**Summary:** SB 46 would authorize pharmacists to administer vaccines during public health emergencies after receiving proper public health training.

### **[SB 57 – Economic analyses of certain tax benefits by independent auditor](#)**

**Bill Author:** Sen. Jen Jordan (D - Atlanta)

**Bill Status:** Senate Finance Committee

**Summary:** SB 57 would allow the chairs of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee to request an economic analyses for certain tax benefits by an independent auditor.

### **[SB 80 – Ensuring Transparency in Prior Authorization Act](#)**

**Bill Author:** Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (R - Marietta)

**Bill Status:** House Passed by Substitute

**Summary:** SB 80 provides standards and guidance on insurance utilization review and to whom these standards apply.

### **[SB 180; Ethylene Oxide permit conditions](#)**

**Bill Author:** Sen. Jen Jordan (D - Atlanta)

**Bill Status:** Senate Natural Resources & Environment Committee

**Summary:** SB 180 relates to certain conditions required for permitting of facilities that emit ethylene oxide. This is a companion bill to Rep. Allen's House Bill 3.

### **[SB 181; Reduce out-of-pocket insulin costs](#)**

**Bill Author:** Sen. Jen Jordan (D - Atlanta)

**Bill Status:** Senate Health & Human Services

**Summary:** SB 181 relates to insurance provisions to reduce out-of-pocket cost of consumers requiring insulin. This is a companion bill to House Bill 73.