


Georgia Society of Dermatologists

2011 Session wrap-up


Saturday, June 11, 2011



Prompt Pay- HB 167

- Representative Steve Davis
- Passed the House 162-9
- Passed the Senate 45-9
- Signed by Governor Deal May 12th


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Evidence Code- HB 24

- Representative Wendell Willard
- Rewrites the evidence code which contains several of Georgia's tort reform provisions
- Preserved the provisions
- Passed the House 162-5
- Passed the Senate 50-3
- Signed by Governor Deal May 3rd


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Surgical Assistants- HB 263

- Representative Ron Stephens
- Established education requirements for Surgical Assistants
- Opposed
- Did not pass- stopped in House Health Committee


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Physicians Assistants- HB 303

- Representative Sharon Cooper
- Scope of practice changes for P.A.'s
- Passed the House 162-3
- Passed the Senate 52-2
- Signed by Governor Deal May 11th


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Funding for laser licensure

- Continue to work with Representative Richard Smith
- Continue to work with Composite Medical Board
- Recently met with Bart Gobeil, Chief Operating Officer for Governor Deal

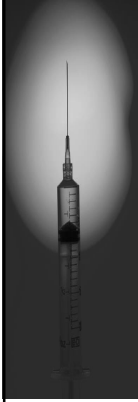
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Tax Council

- Major points:
 - Reduces the personal income tax by 25%
 - Eliminates sales tax on energy used in manufacturing
 - Broadens consumption taxes to include communication services, casual sales tax on motor vehicles, and auto repair services.
- Did not get a vote in either chamber


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Insurance Exchange- *HB 476*

- Representative Richard Smith
- Pulled from debate calendar on Day 30
- Why?
 - Political Pressure?


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Upcoming in 2011-2012 session

- Profiling Bill
 - Purpose is to prevent the abuse of physician profiling programs by insurers
 - Profiling programs to be approved by an oversight entity created by the Georgia DOI
 - Requirement that profiling criteria be developed with physician input
 - Requirements for determining quality care based upon nationally recognized evidence and consensus based measures
 - Comparison requirements for physicians within the same specialties and that statistically valid risk adjustment be applied
 - Data must be disclosed to physicians and the public
 - Physicians must have the opportunity to correct errors and submit additional information
 - Penalties for insurers that fail to comply with requirements include fines and treble damages
- Tort Reform

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Questions & Answers

Thank you!

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