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BILL #	**	STATUS - ASSIGNED TO	AUTHOR(S)	TITLE AND/OR SUMMARY	GACP COMMENTS
HB 1		Judiciary	Willard - 51 st ; Abrams - 89 th ; Ehrhart - 36 th ; Others	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 9 of the O.C.G.A., relating to civil practice, to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to conform provisions to the new Chapter 16 of Title 9, correct cross-references, and remove obsolete or improper references to forfeiture; to amend the O.C.G.A., so as to conform provisions to the new Chapter 16 of Title 9, correct cross-references, and remove obsolete or improper references to forfeiture; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/HB/1	Did not pass out of the House by crossover day; therefore, the bill is dead. There are strong indications that a similar bill will be introduced within the next few years.
HB 89	*	Public Safety & Homeland Security	T. Benton - 31 st ; Dutton - 157 th ; Others	Exempts Certain Firearms From Federal Regulations - Certain firearms, ammunition, etc., manufactured and remaining in Georgia's borders shall not be subject to federal laws or regulations. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/HB/89	Probably will not go anywhere; however, if it does as an attachment on another bill, it would have to change a lot to be acceptable.
HB 449	*	Senate Judiciary Committee	Gravley 67th Jacobs 80th Hightower 68th and others.	Eliminates public disclosure of some 911 recordings of victim. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/HB/449	Very good bill which would eliminate the release of a serious distress call in which a person dies (modifies the Open Records Act).
HB 539	*	Senate State & Local Government Operations Committee	Sims 169th Carson 46th	Relating to definitions relative to campus police officers based upon population. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/HB/539	GACP supported and the law is needed based upon a change in the law last year. Extends private university law enforcement jurisdiction to 500 feet off campus.
HB 720	*	Senate Rules Committee 03.07.14	Lumsdem 12th Powell 32nd Willard 51st and others.	Provides for the collection of fees associated with citation. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/HB/720	Good law enforcement bill which would allow courts to add \$5.00 per ticket for E-ticketing. It does have a sunset cap.
HB 749	**	Senate Judiciary Non-Civil 2.21.14	Duncan - 26 th ; Tanner - 9 th ; Martin - 49 th ; Others	Defines Cargo Theft & Sets Penalties http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/HB/749	Also allows for GBI to have concurrent jurisdiction. Good overall bill. Endorsed by GACP.



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HB 803	**	Senate Rules Committee	T. Benton 31 st ; Kaiser - 59 th ; Drenner - 85 th ; Wilkinson - 52 nd	Requires Law Enforcement to have a written policy to deal with encounters involving domesticated animals; requires law enforcement training and sanctions officers who do not obtain training by suspending their POST certification http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/HB/803	This bill is earmarked at curtailing the shooting of dogs. Major changes occurred in this bill and now it only requires policy be implemented by the departments. Mandated training for officers is no longer required.
HB 837	*	Senate withdrawn & recommitted.	Hamilton 24th Powell 32nd Golicy 40th and others.	Probation modification bill dealing with cities and counties probation services. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/HB/837	This includes private probation companies and the collection of fines and the tolling of sentences under circumstances by county and city courts. Complex bill, if interested please read the entire bill.
HB 845	*	Senate Judiciary Non-Civil	Strickland 111th Powell 171st and others.	Ban of mug shots unless the arrested person is convicted. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/HB/845	Title speaks for itself. Remember, once a photo is on a website, etc. it is never gone. This is to protect the innocent.
HB 869	*	House Rules Committee	Yates - 73 rd ; Powell - 32 nd ; Roberts - 155 th ; Others	Traffic control devices and light-weight motorcycles and other light-weight motor vehicles http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/HB/869	Would allow the operator of such vehicles to go through red lights if the weight of the vehicle does not activate the trip plate; however, the vehicle operator must wait 60 seconds. Did not pass the House; therefore, probably will not move (dead).
HB 875	**	Senate Judiciary Non-Civil Committee	Jasperse - 11 th ; Meadows 5 th ; Powell - 32 nd ; Others	** MAJOR FIREARMS BILL ** This bill has many facets. Please review the bill in its entirety. See other bills, such as HB 773, etc. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/HB/875	A lot of Law Enforcement problems associated with this bill. It is now being evaluated by subject-matter experts in law enforcement such as school police officials, city & county law enforcement officials, etc. Please read the complete bill. See Addendum 1, compiled by valuable GACP member, Alice Johnson. See Addendum 2, GMA's position on HB 875.



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HB 885	**	Senate Health and Human Services Committee	Peake - 141 st ; Watson - 166 th ; Channell - 120 th ; Others	Medical marijuana relating to illnesses such as cancer, glaucoma, etc. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/HB/885	Most believe this is the precursor to legalizing marijuana. GACP, at their February 9, 2014, board meeting, voted to oppose the bill but embraced further study on the topic. The IACP has called for the repeal of state legislation allowing for the distribution of medical marijuana. If this bill passes, it will be in conflict with Federal law. Time will tell.
HB 911	*	Passed both the House and Senate unanimously. Awaiting Governor's signature.	Ballinger 23rd Golicy 40th Oliver 82nd and Others	Know as Domestic Violence Anti-Strangulation Bill. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/HB/911	Good bill that has been endorsed by many including GACP. Add provisions to the assault and battery area of the OCGA.
HB 965	*	Senate Rules 03.06.14	Cooper 43rd Oliver 82nd Rutledge 109th	Immunity from certain arrest for controlled substances in medical emergencies http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/HB/965	Very good bill vetted by many including GACP and PAC. It is a life and death issue for some. On 03.06.14 two amendments were added 1) administration of naloxone (counters effects of opiates) 2) allows out of State pharmacies to work in the State of Georgia without obtaining a Georgia license. The second amendment is controversial and may hurt the bill's passage.



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SB 355	*	Senate Judiciary (Non-Civil)	Cowsert - 46 th ; McKoon - 29 th ; Stone - 23 rd	Eyewitness identification mandating policy and videos http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/HB/355	This is a Defense Attorney bill in that if the mandated policy is NOT strictly followed regarding line-ups, show-ups and photo arrays, then there is a rebuttable presumption of prejudice and bad faith by law enforcement prohibiting the evidence from being introduced. Currently, GACP and the Prosecuting Attorneys Council (PAC) have grave concerns with the bill. This bill is dead mostly because of the opposition of your GACP, GSA and PAC.
SB 382	*	House Judiciary Non Civil Committee	Mullis 53rd Chance 16th and Jones 25th	Provides additional crimes to retail thefts. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/SB/382	Good overall bill.
SR 756	*	Senate Health & Human Services	McKoon - 29 th	Request for a medical marijuana study committee http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20132014/SR/756	GACP supports this resolution and opposes HB 885, which would legalize medical marijuana in the State of Georgia. Has not moved.