

## Georgia Utility Contractors Association (GUCA)

January 30, 2025

**GUCA's Annual Lobby Day is next week on the morning of Tuesday, February 4! Please make plans to attend!**

The Governor held a large press conference today on the introduction of his tort reform package, which covers a lot of areas around tort reform. The Governor's Office and other legislators are also working on legislation to revamp state business licensing boards and to make it easier for those getting a license and renewing a license to get it completed through the Secretary of State's Office. There is also legislation you'll find below regarding bidding with local government agencies.

Our team is acting at the association's direction on all legislation and issues such as these above, and we will provide further updates in the future.

Legislators from all corners of the state were back under the Gold Dome this past week. Lawmakers were in session Monday through Thursday this week for Legislative Days 6 through 9. Last week, January 20 - 24, had no official legislative days, as it was supposed to be budget hearings only all week. The snow and ice storm, however, affected this, and not much occurred with committee meetings at the capitol last week. That ended up with a lot of Appropriations Subcommittees meeting this week, and other committees met and had their introductory meetings with legislator introductions and committee rules getting passed.

Legislation continues to get introduced and assigned to Committees. Next week will see legislative days 10 through 13 on Monday through Thursday. As has been mentioned, Crossover Day (the last day that a bill can be passed out of its original chamber) is March 6.

**Thrash-Haliburton has been in constant communication with our leadership about issues and legislation coming up for our industry in the 2025 session.**

**Here's to another great year for our industry in 2025 at the State Capitol!**

**Thrash-Haliburton is diligently watching and working to stop any detrimental legislation to our industry and push the legislation we support. Our governmental affairs team continues every day to work on, look out for and answer requests, needs and interests, as we act at the direction of the group's leadership. Please find legislation affecting our industry below:**

### **2025 Regular Session**

*We are monitoring the following legislation, and watchful for any bills that may impact our industry.*

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>House Comm</b>	<b>Sen Comm</b>	<b>House Sponsor</b>	<b>Sen Sponsor</b>
HB 34	To establish on behalf of professional licensing boards under the jurisdiction of the office of the Secretary of State a continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licensees with applicable continuing education requirements; to provide for	Regulated Industries		Washburn	

	definitions; to require compliance with continuing education requirements prior to the issuance of certain licenses				
HB 152	To revise contracting procedures related to the acquisition of certain professional services by counties and municipalities; to amend Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public works bidding, so as to revise contracting procedures related to the acquisition of certain professional services by counties and municipalities; to provide definitions; to amend Chapter 22 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to managerial control over acquisition of professional services, so as to expand such provisions to local governments	Governmental Affairs		Reeves	