to be immediately available to intervene if needed during the delivery of care. The bill allows for a supervising anesthesiologist to delegate to an anesthesiologist assistant the authority to order controlled substances, dangerous drugs, medical treatments, and diagnostic studies. The bill states that the board can issue a previously revoked license under certain conditions after rehabilitation and makes it a misdemeanor to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant without a license. Authority is granted for an anesthesiologist assistant to provide care for up to 48 hours during a state of emergency or public health emergency.

Status: PASSED SENATE, PASSED HOUSE. Awaits consideration by the governor.

SB 223 (Watson-1st)  
Bill Link

Requires all sponsors of cancer clinical trials to provide potential patient subjects with information on whether reimbursement will be available for travel and ancillary costs for patient-subjects and those who accompany the patient-subject for support. The bill states reimbursements are provided to eliminate financial barriers to enrollment and will not be considered an undue inducement or coercive. All information provided will be reviewed by the relevant federal institution. The nature of ancillary support and guidelines on financial eligibility will be disclosed and conform to federal law.

Status: PASSED SENATE, PASSED HOUSE. Awaits consideration by the governor.

HB 358 (Bazemore-69th)  
Bill Link

Requires local boards of education to include Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) prevention information as well as the risks associated with tampon use in sexual education curriculum. The bill also encourages healthcare professionals that provide tampons to female patients to include written information about the risk of toxic shock syndrome.


HB 793 (Barton-5th)  
Bill Link

Authorizes applicants for a license in social work enrolled in a master’s degree program to take the master’s social work licensing examination in their final semester of the program.

Status: House Regulated Industries Committee

HB 822 (Carpenter-4th)  
Bill Link

Provides that the prescribed course of study in sex education and HIV prevention instruction is age appropriate and medically accurate; to include the subject of consent in such course of study.

Status: House Hopper

SB 296 (Halpern-39th)  
Bill Link

Relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to provide for the appointment of a state surgeon general.

Status: Senate Health and Human Services Committee

HB 76 (Powell-33rd)  
Bill Link

Revises the requirements for an associate marriage and family therapist license to allow the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education to determine the coursework requirements and the type, and minimum amount of hours, of clinical experience applicants must have. The bill also revises the clinical experience requirements for those currently licensed as an associate marriage and family therapist, those with a qualifying master’s degree, and those with a qualifying doctorate degree. The bill adds a provision stating that any Governor-appointed seat of an executive branch board, commission, or council shall be filled by appointment of the Governor as provided by law when the seat becomes vacant upon term expiration or when declared vacant by the Governor pursuant to this Code section. The bill also eliminates the GORRC (Georgia Occupational Regulation Review).

Status: PASSED HOUSE, PASSED SENATE. Needs agreement from the House to the Senate Changes.

HB 82 (Jackson-128th)  
Bill Link

Relating to tax credits for rural physicians, the bill subsequently creates a tax credit of up to $5,000 for rural healthcare professionals, defined as physicians and dentists operating in a rural county. The tax credit may be claimed for up to five years for eligible professionals, provided that the healthcare professional continues operating in a rural county. The aggregate amount of the tax credit is limited to $2 million per year.