

HB 2007 LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- **Act 221; HB 527**

This Act precludes registration fees for private and governmental probation services registering with the County and Municipal Probation Advisory Council.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 42-8-107.

Effective July 1, 2007.

- **Act 129; HB 316**

This Act provides that the Public Service Commission and the governing authority of municipalities have concurrent jurisdiction on matters related to regulating and controlling the removal of improperly parked cars for trespassing personal property. The Act provides for permits and other requirements that towing and storage firms operating within a municipality's corporate limits shall obtain from the commission.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 44-1-13.

Effective July 1, 2007

- **Acts 206; HB 16**

This Act extends certain statutory protections for public employees who provide information regarding fraud, waste, or abuse in government programs and operations so as to include all employees covered under the State Merit System of Personnel Administration and employees of local governmental entities that receive state funds.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 45-1-4.

Effective July 1, 2007

- **Acts 332; HB 317**

This Act excludes vehicles engaged in the moving of household goods and certain types of passenger vans from regulation by the governing authority of a municipality. The Act provides that certain types of tow trucks shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the commission and the municipality within which towing operations are conducted.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 46-1-1.

Effective July 1, 2007.

- **Act 23; SB 156**

This Act provides that counties, municipal corporations, and other political subdivisions may provide post-employment benefits other than retirement or pension benefits. The Act provides that such plans may be prefunded to comply with certain financial reporting, disclosure, and actuarial requirements and shall be held in trust for the intended purpose. The Act creates the Board of Regents Retiree Health Benefit Fund and provides for a trust fund to provide for retiree post-employment health care benefits.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 47-20-10 and 47-20-10.1 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 47-21-20 through 47-21-25 and Article 2 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 47-21.

Effective July 1, 2007

- **Act 59; HB 380**

This Act changes certain provisions regarding the mailing of bills or notices by tax collectors and tax commissioners and provides for applicability of interest and penalties.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-3-3.

Effective July 1, 2007.

- **Act 40; HB 222**

This Act prohibits county tax commissioners and certain employees from purchasing property offered for sale under tax executions or tax foreclosure proceedings and provides for criminal penalties for violations.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-4-23.

Effective July 1, 2007.

- **Act 212; HB 445**

This Act clarifies an ad valorem tax exemption for certain charitable institutions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-5-41.

Effective May 23, 2007.

- **Act 366; HB 193**

This Act provides for a partial exemption from the state sales and use tax on certain sales or uses of jet fuel and provides for an exemption from a certain local sale and use tax on certain sales or uses of jet fuel.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-8-3.

Effective May 30, 2007, and applicable to transactions occurring on or after July 1, 2007, and prior to July 1, 2009.

■ **Act 123; HB 139**

This Act provides for the forfeiture of an intestate share of an estate under certain circumstances and for the appointment of a guardian ad litem. The Act also changes certain rules relating to the rules of inheritance when a decedent dies without a will.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 53-1-20 and 53-2-1. Effective July 1, 2007.

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