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LEGISLATIVE ISSUES IMPACTING CITIES

The *Georgia Municipal Association's* governmental relations team has identified proactive measures to help city governments:

- Revisions to the taxpayer bill of rights notice (HB 75)
- Local control for Sunday brunch sales when prior referendum adopted
- Asset forfeiture of off-road vehicles
- Revisions to single county T-SPLOST
- Enabling legislation for a motor vehicle theft authority
- Notification to cities about licensing residential care homes
- Changes to legal organ requirements
- Enhanced state support on PTSD & mental health for first responders
- Granting municipal governments the option to hold ranked choice voting

ADVOCACY AND YOU

The success of *GMA's* advocacy comes from a dedicated network of city officials actively participating in legislative issues. Governmental relations staff has individually met with over 60 legislators since session, and 23 cities have hosted Hometown Connections, with 7 more planned in the coming weeks. For more information and ideas on how to host legislators, contact GMA's governmental relations team (nroenitz@gacities.com).

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GMA's governmental relations team has also identified onerous legislative proposals, such as:

- Restrictions on cities' ability to annex property
- Restrictions on regulatory fees (HB 302)
- Limits on property tax revenues (HB 352)
- Control of municipal infrastructure through the Call Before You Dig law (HB 449)
- Preemption of local ordinances on food trucks
- Preemption of city right of way rates and fees on telecom companies
- Preemption of short-term rental regulations
- PTSD coverage for law enforcement officers through a workers comp model (HB 855)
- Alcohol tax elimination (HB 805, HB 831)
- Limiting cities' ability to address homelessness camps (HB 713)
- Increased truck weights (HB 496, SB 118)
- Preemption of local design standards
- Creation of Buckhead City (HB 854, SB 324)

MEET THE TEAM



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