



# On the Hill

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Alabama State Legislature

## 2013 Legislative Session Off to a Fast Start

The Alabama Legislature met for fourth and fifth legislative days this week to continue passing parts of the Republican majority's "We Dare Defend Our Rights" agenda. At the conclusion of business on Thursday, 289 bills have been introduced in the House and 219 bills have been introduced in the Senate.

## Bills ANHA is Monitoring

### Health Care

**House Bill 36/Senate Bill 76:** would allow the Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules for automated dispensing machines in nursing homes. *HB 36 awaits action in the House. SB 76 awaits action in the Senate Health Committee.*

**House Bill 41:** would provide an income tax credit for physicians and dentists providing free services to Medicaid recipients. *HB 41 awaits action in the House Ways & Means Education Committee.*

**House Bill 45/Senate Bill 29:** would create the crimes of elder abuse and neglect and crimes of financial exploitation of an elderly person and provide penalties. *HB 45 as amended awaits action by the House. SB 29 awaits action by the Senate.*

**House Bill 64:** provides for the continuance of the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators until October 1, 2017. *HB 64 received a favorable report from the House Boards, Agencies & Commissions Committee and awaits action in the House.*

**House Bill 109:** would establish the Health Care Compact to regulate health care and establish the Interstate Advisory Health Care Commission. *HB 109 awaits action by the House.*

**House Bill 110:** the Medicaid Fraud Reduction Act of 2013 would investigate claims of fraud, abuse or misuse for controlled substances by Medicaid recipients or providers. *HB 110 as amended awaits action by the House.*

**House Bill 131:** would require drug testing for Medicaid applicants if there is a reasonable suspicion the applicant is using a controlled substance. *HB 131 awaits action in the House State Government Committee.*

**House Bill 174/Senate Bill 151:** specifies that a transfer of a certificate of need from one entity to another does not require a new or additional certificate of need. *HB 174 received a favorable report from the House Health Committee and awaits action in the House. SB 151 received a favorable report from the Senate Judiciary Committee and awaits action in the Senate.*

### **Budget/Tax/Finance**

**House Bill 15:** would increase cigarette tax by \$0.32.5 per pack. *HB 15 awaits action in the House Ways & Means General Fund Committee.*

**House Bill 94:** would require repayment of funds transferred from the Alabama Trust Fund due to the September 18, 2012, amendment. *HB 94 passed the House, was amended and passed by the Senate and awaits concurrence by the House.*

**House Bill 153:** provides for the transfer of tobacco settlement funds to the General Fund for fiscal year 2014. *HB 153 awaits action in the House Ways & Means General Fund Committee.*

**House Bill 158/Senate Bill 143:** General Fund budget. *HB 158 awaits action in the House Ways & Means General Fund Committee. SB 143 awaits action in the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

**House Bill 172:** would establish an education lottery. *HB 172 awaits action in the House Ways & Means General Fund Committee.*

**Senate Bill 92:** would reduce the corporate income tax from 6.5% to 5%. *SB 92 awaits action in the Senate Finance & Taxation Education Committee.*

### **Workforce**

**House Bill 28:** an employee could not receive workers compensation benefits if an injury or death was caused by alcohol or drug use. *HB28 as amended received a favorable report from the House Judiciary Committee and awaits action in the House.*

**Senate Bill 41:** would make Alabama's right to work law a constitutional amendment. *SB 41 received a favorable report from the Senate Business & Labor Committee and awaits action in the Senate.*

### **General Government**

**House Bills 101,148/Senate Bills 77, 112:** would make changes to the Administrative Procedures Act. *HB 101 passed the House and awaits action in the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. SB 112 received a favorable report from the Senate Fiscal Responsibility & Accountability Committee and awaits action in the Senate. All other bills are currently in committee in the house of origin.*

**House Bill 147/Senate Bill 122:** would consolidate several legislative operations. *HB 147 awaits action in the House State Government Committee. SB 122 awaits action in the Senate.*