



# GAR's 2020 **VICTORIES** Under the **Gold Dome**

**“Right to Rent”** addresses private property rights and housing affordability. SB 442 grandfathers rental properties when an HOA, through the approval of its members, places new restrictions on rental properties.

Condominium owners will now have the **right to request insurance information** from the HOA related to water, or potential water damage, under HB 1070.

**“Construction Materials”** HB 777 advances the greater use of mass timber, a cost-effective alternative construction material.

**“Lien Waiver and Contract Enforceability”** SB 315 fixes a loophole in Georgia law that has been exploited to not pay subcontractors for work they had performed.

**Waiver of Sovereign Immunity** for local governments in civil actions will now appear on the ballot this November.

HB 857 **bans the burning of creosote in biomass plants.**

**COVID Liability** Protections

**Virtual closings** and **remote notarization** during lockdown

**HB 426** Hate Crimes

*...and more!*