

The Georgia Society of CPAs
CPA DAY – January 30, 2025
Talking Points

When talking to your legislator

1. Give them some background on yourself. Who you are? What type of business you are in? Where you live in their district?
2. Give them some background on your volunteer service with GSCPA. What has been your experience with GSCPA? What drew you to CPA Day?
3. Discuss with them the profession in Georgia and give them some statistics on who we represent.
 - a. Georgia is home to over 22,000 licensed CPAs.
 - b. The Georgia Society of CPAs (GSCPA) is the premier professional organization for CPAs in the state of Georgia. With almost 12,000 members throughout the state, GSCPA achieves excellence by providing superior advocacy, leadership, service, and personal and professional development opportunities.
4. Offer yourself, and our member CPAs, as a resource to the legislature. There are many bills presented each year that have an impact on the business climate in Georgia and, more specifically, the profession (not just tax related bills). CPAs can offer the legislature unique insight into the potential impact a bill may have since CPAs work very closely with, and have intimate knowledge of, the community at large.
5. GSCPA is in the process of making a push on Accountancy Statute changes. The bill is to be filed the week of CPA Day at the Gold Dome. Changes to statute include:

Practice Privilege Mobility

- a. Allows current and future CPAs to practice in Georgia if they:
 - i. Hold a valid CPA license, Have passed the CPA exam, Have a bachelors degree with the required accounting education

Creates 2 added pathways to become licensed

- a. 150 Credit Hours + 1 Year of Relevant Work Experience — Current Law
 - b. Master’s Degree + 1 Year of Relevant Work Experience — Added pathway
 - c. Bachelor’s Degree + 2 Years of Relevant Work Experience — Added pathway
6. GSCPA is currently monitoring bills and discussions on tax law changes. You can mention that GSCPA is very watchful of any legislation which would reform taxes in a major way, and reiterate the significant resources that you and GSCPA can provide should the legislator have a need.
 7. GSCPA is currently monitoring bills/discussions on Professional Licensing Boards. If the legislator or their staff asks about our position bills in this arena, let them know there are none currently we find to be troublesome. However, please share with us any conversations that take place covering licensing in the state of Georgia.
 8. Discuss with the legislator the past importance of Georgia’s conformity bills. Say “Thank you” to the legislator for their quick action in recent years on the IRC (conformity) Update Bills. Let them know, that GSCPA, generally speaking, supports quick passage to properly align Federal Revenue Code with Georgia Statute.

Offer them our contact information if they need additional information

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