



2020 Weekly Legislative Update March 20, 2020

On Thursday, March 12, the Governor held a [press conference](#) to address the current Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), and cases present in Georgia. Before the legislative session was adjourned indefinitely on Friday, March 13, the legislature passed the [Supplemental Budget](#), which included \$100 million to address issues that may arise due to the coronavirus pandemic. Since then, the Governor has continued to make great strides to protect the citizens and businesses in Georgia from the health and economic impact of this pandemic.

On Monday of this week, a special session was called to ratify the [Governor's Executive Order](#) declaring a state health emergency. On Tuesday, the Governor signed the amended Supplemental Budget.

To further help small businesses affected by COVID-19, Governor Kemp submitted a letter to the Small Business Association (SBA) asking for the director to provide a statewide declaration. It has been announced that the declaration has been made, and small businesses affected by COVID-19 can now apply for the [SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan](#). This loan seeks to help small businesses with funding to continue day to day operations and funding to pay their employees.

Yesterday the Governor held another [press conference](#) to give the current state updates surrounding the pandemic if you were unable to watch it, you can view it [here](#). We will continue to monitor and update you as reports come out. As we are all in uncharted territory during this time, we stand ready to help you navigate these uncertain times and serve as an effective resource as issues emerge.

Please continue to review your [legislative tracking page](#), and please feel free to give us a call with any questions. For detailed information on specific legislation or session updates, visit the General Assembly's website [here](#).

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