



Lawsuit Abuse Reform Briefing

The problem: Georgia's Lawsuit System is Broken

- Lawsuits are driving up prices for everyone. The average Georgia household pays [nearly \\$5,000 a year](#) in hidden lawsuit costs—more than in Tennessee, North Carolina, or Alabama.
- [Sky-high insurance rates are killing small businesses](#). Trucking companies, restaurants, and local shops are seeing their insurance triple because of excessive lawsuits. Some are closing their doors.
- [Jackpot jury verdicts are out of control](#). In recent years, Georgia has seen several verdicts of hundreds of millions of dollars—all of which drive up legal costs, which get passed down to businesses and consumers.
- Doctors are leaving Georgia because of legal costs. Malpractice costs are among the highest in the nation, especially hurting rural hospitals and OB/GYNs.
- Lawsuits are making it harder to find affordable insurance. Some insurers have stopped doing business in Georgia because of excessive legal costs, making it harder for families and businesses to get coverage.
- Businesses can be sued for the actions of criminal trespassers they couldn't have prevented. Georgia law allows lawsuits against business owners when a third-party criminal commits a crime on their property, even if they did their best to prevent it.
- Billboard attorneys have poured well over \$100 million into advertising just in Georgia just last year, encouraging more lawsuits and pushing up costs for everyone.
- Lawsuit investors—including foreign actors—[are gaming the system](#). Hedge funds and even hostile foreign entities like China and Russia are bankrolling lawsuits secretly profiting from legal settlements.

The Solution: [Governor Kemp's Plan Fixes the Problem](#)

Protects businesses from unfair lawsuits.

- Stops businesses from being sued for crimes they can't control (like a third-party criminal act).
- Ensures lawsuits are fair and based on actual negligence.

Stops fake “phantom damages” that drive up settlements.

- Limits damages to actual medical costs paid, not initial hospital bills.
- Keeps the system fair—injured people still get paid, but without trial lawyer windfalls.



Ends “anchoring” tactics that trick juries into massive payouts.

- Prevents attorneys from comparing damages to fighter jets, NFL salaries, or miles driven—real arguments they’ve used to inflate awards.
- Keeps Georgia’s juries fair, without limiting their ability to award damages.

Requires trials to be fair and transparent.

- Splits trials into two parts—one to determine liability, the other for damages.

Allows juries to hear the truth about seatbelts.

- Right now, Georgia law doesn’t let a jury know if the injured party wasn’t wearing a seatbelt. That makes no sense.
- This reform allows seatbelt use to be fairly considered in auto accident cases.

Stops bad players from manipulating the system.

- No more dropping cases mid-trial to pick a new judge or jury.
- No more double-dipping on attorney fees.

Cracks down on lawsuit investors and foreign influence.

- Bans foreign adversaries from secretly financing lawsuits to manipulate our legal system.
- Requires full transparency on who is actually funding a case.

Stabilizes insurance rates, reduces costs, and protects jobs.

- By reining in excessive lawsuits, this plan will reduce business costs, stabilize insurance rates, and help keep Georgia the number one state for business.

What legislators need to hear:

“We need Governor Kemp’s tort reform plan to protect Georgia families, small businesses, and jobs. Lawsuit abuse is costing us all—driving up prices, forcing businesses to close, and making it harder to get insurance. Please vote YES on this package to stop jackpot justice and greed and bring common sense back to Georgia’s legal system.”

FINAL MESSAGE:

- ⇒ Lawsuits should be fair.
- ⇒ Injured people should be compensated.
- ⇒ But Georgia’s current system is out of control—hurting businesses, citizens, and the economy.
- ⇒ Governor Kemp’s plan restores balance and protects Georgians from excessive legal costs.

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