



# This Week in State Tax (TWIST)

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## Georgia: Governor signs bill dealing with IRC conformity, rebates, and gas tax holiday

Governor Brian Kemp recently signed a bill [[House Bill 1199](#)] updating the state fixed date conformity to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, Georgia will conform to the IRC “as provided for in federal law enacted on or before January 1, 2026,” with certain exceptions. New exceptions to the general rule of conformity addressing provisions in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OB3) (P.L. 119-21) include decoupling from IRC section 174A (full expensing of domestic research & experimental expenditures), and section 179(e) (definition of qualified real property for certain taxpayers). Georgia had previously decoupled from the provisions of IRC section 168(k) (bonus depreciation) and IRC section 168(n) (depreciation for qualified production property); the bill continues that decoupling. The new law also decouples from the personal income tax deductions for qualified car loan interest, certain tip income and qualified overtime pay contained on OB3.

In the same bill, Georgia enacted a temporary 60-day suspension of its excise tax imposed upon distributors selling or using motor fuel, other than diesel fuel. The temporary suspension on the motor fuel tax became effective upon the governor’s approval, which occurred on March 20, 2026. A separate measure [[House Bill 1000](#)], also signed by Governor Kemp recently, created a one-time tax refund available to qualified individual income taxpayers filing a 2025 Georgia tax return. Please contact [Greg Aughenbaugh](#), [Trent Kool](#), and [Alison Tilson](#) with questions on these measures.

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