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Subject: Rep. Bill Taylor link: quality of civil asset  
forfeiture laws by state, (SC F, GA D-)

Thank you for your response and interest correcting  
the forfeiture problem.

Bill Busser

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Please read the link in Rep. Bill Taylor's email. The  
Georgia and South Carolina ratings are as follows:

**Georgia D-**

The standard of proof is extremely low; depending on  
the property the government must establish probable  
cause or show a preponderance of the evidence to

forfeit property. The burden is on the property owner to prove his innocence to get his property back. Law enforcement keeps 100% of forfeiture funds, but they must be used for law enforcement activities. The legislature recently passed minor transparency reforms, which were signed into law by the governor.

### **South Carolina F**

The standard of proof is extremely low; the government must only show probable cause to forfeit property. The burden is on the property owner to prove his innocence to get his property back. Law enforcement keeps 75% of forfeiture funds, 20% goes to prosecutors and the remaining 5% goes to the general fund. There are no collecting or reporting requirements.

Please see the section in the Rep. Bill Taylor link for your state rating: [Civil Asset Forfeiture: Grading the States <http://www.scribd.com/doc/267761329>](http://www.scribd.com/doc/267761329)

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From: Bill Taylor <bill@taylorschouse.com>

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Sent: Thu, Jun 11, 2015 10:27 am

Subject: RE: Enforcement Hit Headwinds. Moves to limit confiscation stall amid pressure from prosecutors, police