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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>>

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Taylor <bill@taylorscheuse.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