

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to HB 65:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, so as to provide
3 for the creation of the Joint Study Committee on THC Medical Oil Access; to provide for an
4 automatic repealer; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

6 Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
7 general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, is amended by adding a new
8 Code section to read as follows:
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10 "31-2A-18.1.

11 (a) The Joint Study Committee on THC Medical Oil Access is hereby created. The
12 committee shall study the in-state access of medical cannabis, THC oil, including, but not
13 limited to, the security and control of all aspects of the process from acquisition and
14 planting of seeds to final destruction of any unused portion of the plant; quality control of
15 all aspects of the manufacturing process, including, but not limited to, product labeling and
16 independent testing for purity and safety; and all aspects of dispensing the final product,
17 including, but not limited to, security, competency of the dispensing staff, training on
18 dosing, and proper delivery methods. The committee shall study and identify how to
19 ensure proper security safeguards and systems for evaluating qualifications of potential
20 licensees and contain a plan to ensure that THC oil is readily available in all parts of the
21 state at an affordable price to patients and caregivers who are properly registered in the
22 state.

23 (b) The committee shall be composed of ten members.

24 (1) The President of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate as members
25 of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson. The

26 President of the Senate shall also appoint two citizens of this state to serve as members;
27 and
28 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members of the
29 House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such
30 members as cochairperson. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also
31 appoint two citizens of this state to serve as members.
32 (c) The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may
33 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
34 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
35 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
36 (d) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for
37 in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Any members of the
38 committee who are not legislators shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the
39 same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of
40 Georgia Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state
41 employees. The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be
42 received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days
43 are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
44 from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives.
45 (e) The committee shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
46 legislation, no later than December 31, 2018, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
47 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and chairperson of the Senate Health and Human
48 Services and the House Committee on Health and Human Services.
49 (f) The committee shall stand abolished and this Code section shall stand repealed by
50 operation of law on December 31, 2018."

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SECTION 2.

52 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.