

House Bill 450 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Newton of the 123rd, Hatchett of the 150th, Cooper of the 43rd,
Hutchinson of the 107th, and Gaines of the 117th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Low THC Oil Patient Registry, so as to authorize the Department of Public Health to release
3 deidentified data to government entities and other entities for research and other purposes;
4 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Low THC
8 Oil Patient Registry, is amended by revising subsection (f) as follows:

9 "(f) Information received and records kept by the department for purposes of administering
10 this Code section shall be confidential; provided, however, that such information shall be
11 disclosed, subject to the provisions of the federal Health Insurance Portability and
12 Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, and any regulations promulgated thereunder:

13 (1) Upon written request of an individual or caregiver registered pursuant to this Code
14 section for information related to the individual or his or her caregiver; and

15 (2) To peace officers and prosecuting attorneys for the purpose of:

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- 16 (A) Verifying that an individual in possession of a registration card is registered
17 pursuant to this Code section; or
18 (B) Determining that an individual in possession of low THC oil is registered pursuant
19 to this Code section; and
20 (3) To government entities and other entities for statistical, research, educational,
21 instructional, drug abuse prevention, or grant application purposes after removing all
22 personal identifiers from the health information and removing all information that could
23 be used to identify prescribers."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.