

House Resolution 1060

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43rd and Gravley of the 67th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Low THC Program Revenue Allocation; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, mental health care is significantly underfunded in Georgia; and
- 3 WHEREAS, poor mental health, including substance use disorders (SUD), is a growing
4 problem resulting in significant costs to the state and to the health care system; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the tax on low tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) medical marijuana in the State of
6 Georgia will generate tens of millions annually for state coffers. Of that, 60 percent annually
7 should be spent on overall mental health services and substance abuse programs; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Georgia should allocate tax revenue from the Low THC Program towards the
9 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) to implement
10 substance use disorder (SUD) screenings, intervention and referral treatment programs, and
11 additional funding for mobile crisis units and state psychiatric beds for the uninsured; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Georgia should also allocate tax revenue towards the Department of Human
13 Services (DHS) to fund residential SUD treatment; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia should also allocate tax revenue towards the Department of Public
15 Health (DPH) for a public awareness medical marijuana education campaign; additionally
16 drug abuse prevention efforts, marijuana health research grants and lab testing for marijuana;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Georgia should also allocate tax revenue to the Department of Public Safety for
19 the scientific study of marijuana law enforcement activities; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia should also allocate tax revenue towards the Departments of Revenue
21 and Transportation for its marijuana enforcement division and a marijuana-impaired driving
22 campaign.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize the Low THC Program Revenue Allocation and
25 advocate for the formation of a State Psychiatric Oversight Commission funded with revenue
26 from the Low THC Program to maintain and review benchmark criteria, standards of care,
27 patient evaluations, and outpatient resources, etc.; two individuals each from the following
28 associations should comprise such commission: Georgia College of Emergency Physicians,
29 Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association, Georgia Sheriffs Association, Georgia Hospital
30 Association, Georgia DBHDD, Georgia DPH, and Georgia DHS.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 public and the press.