

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services offered the following substitute to HB 1425:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to access to medical cannabis, so as to provide for information to be provided to the  
3 Medical Cannabis Commission Oversight Committee; to require the commission to issue  
4 initial Class 1 and Class 2 production licenses by a date certain; to provide for related  
5 matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 access to medical cannabis, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section  
10 16-12-207, relating to establishment of Medical Cannabis Commission Oversight  
11 Committee, membership, inspections, provision of information, plan for accredited lab  
12 testing, and patient and physician input, as follows:

13 "(b) The commission shall promptly provide any document or information requested by  
14 the oversight committee that is in its possession, provided that the commission shall not  
15 share documents containing data identifying individual patients or physicians, information  
16 ~~marked as trade secrets by applicants or licensees, information that in the view of the~~

17 ~~commission would interfere with an ongoing licensing applicant selection process, or~~  
18 ~~information that in the judgment of the commission would create law enforcement or~~  
19 ~~security risks to the citizens of Georgia~~ any information that would be exempt from public  
20 disclosure pursuant to Code Section 50-18-72 or pursuant to state or federal privacy laws."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Said article is further amended in Code Section 16-12-221, relating to contracts awarded  
23 through bids or proposals, minimum contract terms and renewals, subcontracting, and giving  
24 or receiving things of value limited, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

25 "(a.1) The commission shall issue initial licenses under this part on or before May 31,  
26 2022."

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
29 without such approval.

30 **SECTION 4.**

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.