

The House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil offers the following substitute to HR 1417:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Study Committee on Cultivation, Manufacture, and Dispensing of Medical
2 Cannabis Low THC Oil; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the use of medical cannabis low THC oil was legalized in Georgia in 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, since that time, many patients here in Georgia have benefited from its use; and

5 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia currently does not allow the cultivation and manufacture
6 of medical cannabis; and

7 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia allows the legitimate use of medical cannabis for health
8 care, while in no way diminishing this state's strong public policy and laws against illegal
9 drug use and in no way advocating, authorizing, promoting, or legally or socially accepting
10 the use of marijuana for children or adults for any nonmedical use; and

11 WHEREAS, the General Assembly should begin a study regarding the cultivation,
12 manufacture, and dispensing of medical cannabis low THC oil, including, but not limited to,
13 the security and control of all aspects of the process from acquisition and planting of seeds
14 to final destruction of any unused portion of the plant; quality control of all aspects of the
15 manufacturing process, including, but not limited to, labeling and independent laboratory
16 testing for purity and safety; and all aspects of dispensing the final product, including, but
17 not limited to, security, competency of the dispensing staff, training on dosing, and property
18 delivery methods; and

19 WHEREAS, such study should provide findings on how to assure proper security safeguards
20 and systems for evaluating qualifications of potential licensees and contain a plan to assure
21 that low THC oil is readily available in all parts of the state at an affordable price to patients
22 and caregivers who are properly registered in the state.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
24 GEORGIA:

25 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Study Committee on
26 Cultivation, Manufacture, and Dispensing of Medical Cannabis Low THC Oil.

27 (2) **Members and officers.**

28 (A) The committee shall be composed of six members.

29 (B) The President of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate as members
30 of the committee and shall designate one of such members as cochairperson.

31 (C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members of the
32 House of Representatives as members of the committee and shall designate one of such
33 members as cochairperson.

34 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
35 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
36 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

37 (4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The
38 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem
39 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform
40 its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

41 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive
42 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
43 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
44 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
45 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
46 appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

47 (6) **Report.**

48 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
49 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the
50 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
51 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

52 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
53 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to
54 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

55 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
56 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
57 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed
58 with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

59 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the
60 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives copies of the
61 minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

62 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2018.