

Senate Bill 609

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Anderson of the 24th, Sims of the 12th, Ginn of the 47th,
Jones II of the 22nd and others

AS PASSED SENATE

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~~

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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.