

## Senate Resolution 317

By: Senators Payne of the 54th, Mullis of the 53rd, McKoon of the 29th, Heath of the 31st, Anderson of the 24th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Georgia's congressional delegation and the United States Congress to amend the  
2 Controlled Substances Act of 1970 so as to authorize the study of medical marijuana in  
3 Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, there are strong anecdotal reports of the successful use of medical marijuana  
5 by children for the treatment of a variety of health conditions ranging from seizure disorders  
6 to autism; and

7 WHEREAS, research needs to continue on the use of medical marijuana, particularly for its  
8 use among children; and

9 WHEREAS, twenty-nine states and Guam and Puerto Rico have passed medical  
10 marijuana/cannabis program laws and an additional 17 states have passed limited access  
11 laws, of which Georgia is one; and

12 WHEREAS, the health of Georgia's children is of paramount importance to the citizens of  
13 the State of Georgia, which has the finest research hospitals in the country, and Georgia  
14 wants and needs the authority to cultivate and produce medical marijuana for research  
15 purposes.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
17 urge the Congress of the United States to amend the Controlled Substances Act of 1970 so  
18 as to reduce marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance so that its medical benefits and  
19 effects may be further researched.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge the Congress of the  
21 United States to authorize the study of medical marijuana in Georgia.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
23 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Georgia's  
24 congressional delegation and the United States Congress.