

MCST 610 Cannabis Law and Policy

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BILL#	CROSS FILE#	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SENATE HEARING AND VOTING	HOUSE HEARING AND VOTING	SENATE LEAD SPONSOR(S)	HOUSE LEAD SPONSOR(S)
HB0482		Firearms – Right to Purchase, Own, Possess, and Carry – Medical Cannabis	Providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, own, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is authorized under certain provisions of law to use medical cannabis.		1/21 First Reading Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m.		Delegate Grammer
HB0614		Workers' Compensation – Medical Cannabis – Compensation and Benefits	Altering the circumstances under which a covered employee or a dependent of a covered employee is not entitled to compensation or benefits under the workers' compensation law to include circumstances related to the use of medical cannabis; including medical cannabis in the medicine that an employer or its insurer is required to provide to a covered employee except under certain circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.		1/31/22 1 st Reading Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m. Hearing 2/23 at 12:00 p.m.		Delegates Valderrama and Charkoudian

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						Hearing Cancelled 2/21/22		
	HB0628		Employment – Workers’ Compensation and Workplace Discrimination – Use of Medical Cannabis	Altering the circumstances under which a covered employee or a dependent of a covered employee is not entitled to compensation or benefits under the workers’ compensation law to include circumstances related to the use of medical cannabis; including medical cannabis in the medicine that an employer or its insurer is required to provide to a certain covered employee under certain circumstances; applying the Act prospectively: etc.		1/31/22 First Reading Hearing 2/15 @ 1pm Hearing 2/23 @ 12PM 2/21 Hearing Cancelled Vote - House - Committee - Economic Matters Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters 3/1/22		Delegates K. Young, Howell, Jalisi, Kerr, Landis, Lehman, Lierman, Shetty, and Solomon
	HB0837		Cannabis Reform	Requiring the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to conduct a baseline study of cannabis use in the State by March 1, 2023; altering certain provisions relating to penalties, charging procedures, expungement, shielding, and sentencing for certain offenses involving cannabis; legalizing the use and possession of a certain quantity of cannabis by an individual who is at least 21 years old; establishing the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council and a Cannabis Public Health Fund; etc.		2/3/22 First Reading Hearing 2/14 at 10:00 a.m 2/21/22 Favorable with Amendments Report by Judiciary 2/23/22 2 nd Reading passed with amendments		Delegate Clippinger

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						2/25/22 Third Reading Passed (92-37) 2/28/22 Referred Finance Budget and Taxation		
	SB0788	HB1078		Prohibiting a person from knowingly producing plants, or any part of a plant, that exceed a certain concentration of delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol; altering the definition of "hemp products" for purposes of provisions of law governing hemp research and production to exclude products made through a process that includes the use of hemp; altering the definition of "marijuana" for purposes of the Maryland Controlled Dangerous Substances Act to include certain products made through a process that includes the use of hemp; etc.	2/7 1 st Reading Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m Vote 11-0 Favorable with Amendments Report by Finance	2/10 1 st Reading Hearing 3/09 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations) 3/9/22 1:30 Hearing Cancelled and time changed to 3pm	Senator Feldman	Delegate Pena-Melnyk
	SB0286		Firearms – Use of Medical Cannabis	Providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is authorized to use medical cannabis.	Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m. 11-0 Third Reading Passed (45-0) 2/25 Referred Judiciary		Senator Hough	
	SB0628		Medical Cannabis - Grower License - Number and Licensed Processors	Altering, from 22 to 42, the maximum number of medical cannabis growers that may be licensed by the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission;	1 st Reading Finance Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m		Senator Patterson	

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				providing that a grower may operate in a facility that does not exceed 10,000 square feet; authorizing a licensed processor to apply for licensure as a medical cannabis grower; requiring the Commission to actively seek to achieve racial, ethnic, gender, and geographic diversity when licensing processors and growers; etc.				
	SB0692		Cannabis – Legalization and Regulation (Cannabis Legalization and Reparations for the War on Drugs Act)	Legalizing the use and possession of a certain amount of cannabis by an individual who is at least 21 years of age; providing for the clearing of criminal records and disposition of certain charges relating to the use and possession of cannabis; and establishing a system for the regulation and taxation of the market for the production and sale of cannabis in the State.	2/4/22 1 st Reading Finance and Budget and Taxation Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)		Senator Carter	
	SB0722		Medical Cannabis - Licensees - Ownership Limitation Exemption	Exempting certain ownership of publicly traded securities of a medical cannabis grower, dispensary, or processor from the prohibition on a person having an ownership interest in multiple medical cannabis growers, dispensaries, or processors.	2/7/22 1 st Reading Finance Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.		Senator Waldstreicher	
	Georgia							1.
	GA HB12		Controlled substances: possession of	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to controlled substances, so as	1 st House Reading 2/1/22			2. Scott, Sandra , 76th

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			certain quantities of marijuana constitute a misdemeanor; provide	to provide that possession of certain quantities of marijuana constitute a misdemeanor; to change provisions relating to punishment; to amend Title 15, Title 16, Chapter 7 of Title 17, and Code Section 36-32-6 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, crimes and offenses, pretrial proceedings, and municipal court jurisdiction in marijuana possession cases; to amend Code Section 35-3-33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to powers and duties of the Georgia Crime Information Center generally, so as to revise provisions relating to obtaining fingerprints and other identifying data on persons arrested or taken into custody for misdemeanor marijuana possession; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	2 nd House Reading 2/2/22			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Schofield, Kim, 60th 4. Dukes, Winfred, 154th 5. Mitchell, Billy, 88th 6. Hutchinson, Shelly, 107th 7. Park, Sam, 101st
	GA HB601		Crimes and offenses; low THC oil, marijuana, and tetrahydrocannabinols do not include certain federally approved products; provide	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide that low THC oil, marijuana, and tetrahydrocannabinols do not include certain federally approved products; to remove epidiolex as a Schedule V controlled substance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.		Voting 3/5/21: 161-0; NV 6; E 13 3/8/21 Senate Read and Referred		Ron Stephens 164th
	GA HB1400		Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission; subject	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to access to medical cannabis, so as to		3/3/22 House Committee Favorably Reported		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Powell, Alan, 32nd 2. Wilkerson, David, 38th

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			to state procurement laws; provide	provide that the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission is subject to state procurement laws; to revise the Medical Cannabis Commission Oversight Committee; to provide for information to be provided to such committee; to revise the number of Class 1 and Class 2 production licenses that can be issued by the commission; to revise dates for the retrospective study of minority participation; to provide that the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission is subject to open records laws; to provide for third-party consultants; to provide for the issuance of certain licenses by a date certain; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Jackson, Mack, 128th 4. Tarvin, Steve, 2nd 5. Carpenter, Kasey, 4th 6. Allen, Erick, 40th
	GA HB1425		Medical cannabis; Governor to issue initial Class 1 and Class 2 production licenses for a limited time period; authorize	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to access to medical cannabis, so as to authorize the Governor to issue initial Class 1 and Class 2 production licenses for a limited time period; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.		<p>2/24/22 1st Reading</p> <p>2/28/22 2nd Reading</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Werkheiser, Bill, 157th 2. Newton, Mark, 123rd 3. Gravley, Micah, 67th 4. Holcomb, Scott, 81st
	GA HB1453		Crimes and offenses; access to	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to offenses				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cooper, Sharon, 43rd

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			medical cannabis; revise provisions	against public health and morals, so as to revise provisions regarding access to medical cannabis; to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to transfer the operation and maintenance of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry to the Georgia Composite Medical Board; to provide for the term of validity of a registration card; to direct the board to contract with a third party for operation of the registry; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Gravley, Micah, 67th 3. Frye, Spencer, 118th 4. Smyre, Calvin, 135th 5. Hatchett, Matt, 150th 6. Alexander, Kimberly, 66th
	SB 263		Retail Marijuana; regulation; provide; 'Georgia Retail Marijuana Code'	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for the regulation of retail marijuana; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for the regulatory authority of the Department of Revenue; to provide for licensing requirements and restrictions; to provide for regulation of cultivation, manufacturing, testing, and retail sale of marijuana; to prohibit certain acts; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal under certain	2/26/21 Senate Read and Referred		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rahman, Sheikh, 5th 2. Butler, Gloria, 55th 3. Jones II, Harold, 22nd 4. Orrock, Nan, 36th 5. Lucas, David, 26th 6. Jones, Emanuel, 10th 	

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				conditions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes				
	SB 609		Medical Cannabis; the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission is subject to state procurement laws; provide	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to access to medical cannabis, so as to provide that the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission is subject to state procurement laws; to revise the Medical Cannabis Commission Oversight Committee; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	3/11/22 Senate 2 nd Read		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mullis, Jeff, 53rd 2. Anderson, Lee, 24th 3. Sims, Freddie, 12th 4. Ginn, Frank, 47th 5. Jones II, Harold, 22nd 6. Albers, John, 56th 	
	SB 579		<u>Controlled Substances; minimum sentences imposed for the manufacture, delivery, distribution, etc. shall not be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court; provide</u>	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to schedules, offenses, and penalties under the regulation of controlled substances, so as to provide that minimum sentences imposed for the manufacture, delivery, distribution, dispensing, administering, selling, or possessing with intent to distribute certain controlled substances shall not be suspended, stayed, probated, deferred, or withheld by the sentencing court; to provide for an exception; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	3/3/22 Senate Read and Referred		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mullis, Jeff, 53rd 2. Hatchett, Bo, 50th 3. Harbison, Ed, 15th 4. Dixon, Clint, 45th 5. Albers, John, 56th 6. Gooch, Steve, 51st 	
	SB 614		<u>Controlled Substances; delta-8-THC derived</u>	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 13 of	3/11/22 Senate Hopper		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mullis, Jeff, 53rd 	

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			<p><u>from hemp is not considered marijuana; provide</u></p>	<p>Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of controlled substances, so as to provide that delta-8-THC derived from hemp is not considered marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol, tetrahydrocannabinolic acid, or a combination thereof for purposes of the "Georgia Controlled Substances Act"; to provide that it shall not be unlawful to purchase, possess, manufacture, distribute, sell, or consume delta-8-THC derived from hemp; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</p>				