

Medical marijuana bill clears Senate

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A bill that would allow the in-state production and sale of low-potency medical marijuana oil has passed the Georgia senate, just two days after the proposal was limited significantly in committee.

The Senate voted 44-8 to pass the measure, which grants a sharply reduced number of licenses to grow and sell the product than the original proposal.

The bill still closes a loophole created by the state's 2015 <u>medical</u> <u>marijuana</u> law that allows <u>patients</u> to possess the drug but provides them no legal avenue to obtain it.

Its author, Republican Rep. Micah Gravley of Douglasville, said there were "many, many problems" with the updated measure. Patients and families advocating for the <u>bill</u> agree.

Critics worry that legalizing medical marijuana could lead to legalizing recreational marijuana, which Gravley disputes.

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