

## **Georgia's Hope Act 2019 As Passed by Legislature**

- Establishes seven member Georgia Access Medical Cannabis Commission administratively attached to the Secretary of State's office coordinate activities with the Department of Public Health, apply for and receive funds, develop and maintain distribution network for THC oil to registered patients; provide for oversight through established requirements, procedures, inspections, and tracking systems; and study the provision of THC oil in the state and establish best practices.
- Authorizes the State's two 'land grant Universities', University of Georgia and Fort Valley State University, to apply for licenses and contracts as production facilities for research of marijuana for therapeutic use.
- Authorizes the State Board of Pharmacy to develop dispensing licenses for pharmacies to dispense low THC oil to registered patients.
- Establishes 2-Class 1 Licenses to grow cannabis in indoor facilities up to 100,000 square feet of cultivation space
  - Applicants must have \$2,000,000 in cash reserve
  - Non-refundable application fee of \$25,000, \$200,000 initial application fee, and annual renewal fee of \$100,000.
- Establishes 4-Class 2 Production Licenses to grow cannabis in indoor facilities up to 50,000 square feet of cultivation space
  - Applicants must have \$1,250,000 in cash reserve
  - Non-refundable application fee of \$5,000, \$100,000 initial application fee, and annual renewal fee of \$50,000.
- Requires use of a seed-to-sale tracking system approved by the commission
- Requires 24/7 secured facilities with video monitoring
- Establishes timelines to ensure licenses are approved by January 1, 2020, and products are available for patients within 12 months of license date.
- Establishes separation from 'covered entities' of 1000 feet for dispensaries and 3000 feet for production facilities as measured from property line to property line.
- Prohibits the possession of THC oil by persons not authorized to purchase or use the oil.