

# Medical Cannabis Patients in Alabama Face Delays After Hearing

## Montgomery Circuit Court Hears Medical Cannabis License Dispute

On Tuesday, Montgomery County Circuit Judge James Anderson presided over a hearing that could determine the future of medical marijuana cultivation in Alabama. The session brought together applicants denied cultivation licenses and the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission, with patients anxiously awaiting the resolution of the lengthy legal dispute.

### Patients Left Waiting Amid Legal Battle

The case, which has dragged on for months, has left medical cannabis patients in Alabama frustrated and in limbo. Amanda Taylor, a passionate medical cannabis patient advocate, expressed her disappointment with the lack of a decision on Tuesday.

“I’m suffering greatly,” Taylor said. “I just spent another stint in the hospital and lost 11 pounds. It was disappointing today.” Taylor’s sentiments reflected the growing impatience among patients who hoped the court hearing would speed up the process of medical marijuana distribution in the state.

Judge Anderson, however, made no immediate decision, leaving patients like Taylor to wait even longer for access to medical cannabis.

“We have all these lawyers that are keeping everything held back, and it’s not fair to the patients because we are sick,” Taylor said, echoing the frustration felt by many Alabamians who rely on cannabis for medical relief.

### Legal Disputes Centered on Licensing Process

While patients like Taylor are focused on obtaining much-needed access to medical marijuana, attorneys representing the companies involved in the licensing dispute have different concerns. Will Somerville, representing Alabama Always, emphasized the need for the legal process to ensure that licenses are properly issued.

“To make sure that the licenses that are issued, when they are issued, are legal and enforceable, and that there can’t be any challenges to that,” Somerville said. “Cause right now, we’ve got a situation where they keep issuing licenses and keep doing so in violation of the law.”

The key legal issue at the heart of the case is the Alabama Administrative Procedures Act, which governs how state agencies like the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission operate. Somerville and others argue that the commission has not adhered to the law in the process of issuing licenses.

Somerville's concern is that rushing the process without following proper legal procedures could lead to further complications down the line. "Let everybody move forward to try and get some licenses issued in a proper way to people who can actually do the job," he said.

### **Rescinded Licenses Add to Confusion**

Other applicants attending the hearing were there for different reasons. Attorney Bryan Taylor, representing a client who was awarded a cultivation license twice by the commission, explained that his client's license was rescinded after changes were made to the process.

"At the end of the day, even if the commission wins all of its procedural arguments, we're just right back to square one," Taylor said. "So I think a lot of the frustrated applicants just want a final review of this case on the merits."

Taylor's comments highlighted the ongoing confusion and uncertainty that has plagued the licensing process. Multiple applicants have had their licenses either revoked or reconsidered as the commission's process has evolved, leading to widespread frustration among those trying to secure a foothold in the state's budding medical cannabis industry.

### **Court Hearing Leaves Future Uncertain**

Despite the lack of a definitive ruling, Judge Anderson indicated that Tuesday's hearing was productive for the court. While no final decisions were made, the hearing moved the case forward in what has been a slow-moving legal battle. Anderson confirmed that another hearing would be scheduled soon, leaving all parties still waiting for a resolution.

The unresolved legal issues surrounding the medical cannabis licensing process continue to delay the availability of medical marijuana for patients in Alabama. For many, the hope is that these legal battles will be resolved quickly, allowing the state to move forward with the cultivation and distribution of medical cannabis in compliance with the law.

As the case progresses, patients, advocates, and industry stakeholders remain on edge, eagerly awaiting the court's final determination on the future of medical cannabis in Alabama.

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