

# Setback for South Carolina Medical Cannabis Bill as Session Nears End

## Committee Testimony on Medical Marijuana Bill

Lawmakers in South Carolina's House committee hear testimony on Tuesday regarding a Senate-passed bill to legalize medical marijuana.

## Unlikelihood of a House Vote

Despite the committee hearing, Chair Rep. Sylleste Davis indicates that time constraints make a vote on the proposal before the legislative session's end unlikely.

## Frustrations Over Delay

Sen. Tom Davis, the bill's sponsor, expresses frustration over the House's delay in addressing the legislation following its passage in the Senate.

## Public Testimony

The committee opens the floor to comments from doctors, patients, veterans, and other advocates, with little discussion from lawmakers themselves.

## Bi-Partisan Support and Concerns

Public support for medical cannabis legalization in South Carolina is overwhelmingly bipartisan, with the latest poll indicating significant backing across party lines.

## Provisions of the Bill

The proposed legislation would allow patients access to medical cannabis for qualifying conditions, establish regulatory bodies, and impose restrictions on personal cultivation and smoking.

## Expert Insights

Medical experts provide insight into the therapeutic potential of cannabis, while opponents raise concerns about health risks, market consolidation, and moral objections.

## Clashes Over the Bill

Debate ensues over the bill's contents, potential implications, and procedural hurdles, highlighting the complex landscape surrounding medical marijuana legalization.

## Outlook and Party Dynamics

With time running out in the legislative session, uncertainties remain about the bill's fate, reflecting broader tensions within the political landscape regarding cannabis reform.

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