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Tallahassee, FL – Last night, **Representative Michael Grieco (D- Miami Beach)**, the Ranking Minority Member of the House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and a criminal defense attorney, filed [HB 549](#) to provide legal access to Psilocybin in Florida.

Psilocybin is a naturally-occurring psychedelic compound found in more than 200 species of fungus/mushrooms. Studies have shown that psilocybin is an effective alternative to traditional medication and treatments for depression, anxiety and other psychiatric conditions. There is also notable data in its use in the treatment of addiction issues. In 2018 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted Breakthrough Therapy Designation for psilocybin-assisted therapy for treatment-resistant depression. In 2019, the FDA granted Breakthrough Therapy Designation for psilocybin therapy treating major depressive disorder. Currently there is no statutory framework that provides access to psilocybin for patients in Florida.

“Florida does not have to be the last state to catch up with science every time. Between medical marijuana and climate change, our state seems to never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity. The science regarding psilocybin is real, cannot be ignored, and soon will be a universally-accepted form of treatment in the U.S. Veterans and veterans organizations should be watching closely on behalf of folks suffering from addiction, PTSD and depression. I recognize that I have authored a very ambitious 59-page bill, but the conversation needs to start somewhere, and I am ready to work with both my Republican and Democrat colleagues to create a framework designed to help those patients who need it,” **Representative Grieco** said.

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