MO House approves medical marijuana

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Missouri House has voted to legalize medical marijuana.

The bill is partially a response to ballot initiatives that aim to give voters the opportunity to legalize medical marijuana outside of the Legislature's control.

The House bill, approved Tuesday in a 112-44 vote, would allow anyone over 18 with a terminal disease to use smokeless medical marijuana. People with Alzheimer's disease, cancer, post-traumatic stress disorder and several of other conditions would also be eligible.

Proponents say this could help ease suffering for a variety of patients. Opponents say legalizing medical marijuana could make it easier for kids to get access.

With less than three weeks left in the legislative session, the bill now heads to the Senate.

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