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KS cannabis reform appears dead for year

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas legislators aren't likely to legalize marijuana for medical uses this year.

A Senate committee on Thursday tabled a bill that would allow a doctor to sign off on a patient using marijuana products to treat 21 illnesses or conditions, including cancer, epilepsy, spinal cord injuries or chronic pain, starting in July 2024.

Committee Chair and Republican state Sen. Mike Thompson of Shawnee said he has no plans to bring the bill back up this year.

Thirty-seven states allow the medical use of marijuana, and 21 also allow recreational use. But law enforcement officials continued to oppose legalization in Kansas and that bolstered the skepticism of some Republican senators.

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