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KS Closer to Allowing Concealed Carry with No Permit

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Kansas legislators are moving closer to allowing residents 21 or older to carry concealed firearms without a state permit.

The House Federal and State Affairs Committee approved a bill Tuesday ending the requirement for a permit. The committee's voice vote sends the measure to the full House for debate.

The Senate approved the measure last month, and the House committee made only one technical change. Supporters argued that gun owners are responsible and shouldn't have to ask the government's permission to carry concealed.

A permit costs \$132.50, and a person seeking one must undergo eight hours of firearms training. The bill's opponents say the state still should require some training to carry concealed.

But the Republican-dominated Legislature has strong gun-rights majorities in both chambers.

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