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Nebraska Legislature Scraps Medical Marijuana Bill for This Year

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska will not legalize medical marijuana this year in light of other controversial measures dominating the final days of the legislative session.

Sen. Tommy Garrett of Bellevue asked Wednesday to hold his bill until June 15, ensuring senators will not revisit the debate until next year.

The bill made it through first-round debate with a 27-12 vote. But Garrett says the Speaker of the Legislature approached him Tuesday saying there was no longer enough support to guarantee its success.

Garrett says senators have been bombarded with criticism about their votes to repeal the death penalty and have to prioritize tough choices.

A bill to study a low-potency cannabis derivative for treating seizures passed last week and awaits action by Gov. Pete Ricketts.

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