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Bill Allowing Aid-In-Dying To Be Considered In Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Adults suffering from a terminal illness would have the right to end their own life with a doctor's assistance under a bill Nebraska lawmakers will consider this year.

Senator Ernie Chambers of Omaha introduced legislation Wednesday that would allow patients to self-administer an aid-in-dying drug prescribed by their doctor.

Patients would have to request the prescription orally and in writing, with a statement signed by two witnesses. At least one of the witnesses could not be related to the patient and could not be listed as a beneficiary of the patient's estate.

The bill would only apply to patients are believed to have less than six months to live.

The bill is LB1056.

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