

KS Kelly wants to see medical marijuana become reality

(KAIR)--Kansas Governor Laura Kelly Thursday reaffirmed her support for medical marijuana in Kansas, but stopped short of endorsing recreational sales in the state.

The Kansas City Star reports Kelly's comments come ahead of Missouri's vote to legalize recreational sales. On November 8, Show Me State voters will head to polls to cast ballots that could mean the sale of recreational marijuana in the state, which borders Kansas, with the vote coming four-years after Missouri voters approved medical marijuana in the state.

According to the newspaper, Kelly has supported medical legalization for a number of years, but isn't quite ready for recreation legalization. However, the Kansas Democrat left open the possibility of supporting recreational legalization in the future, telling the Star beginning with medical marijuana is the right place to start, as that will allow Kansas to "get that infrastructure built so that [the State] can regulate it the way it needs to be regulated."

Kansas has yet to legalize a medical marijuana program, despite widespread hopes it would be accomplished during the Legislature's 2022 session. Kelly told the newspaper she wants "to push that through next term and make sure we get there."

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