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Reality Check: Medical Marijuana Path To Approval?
ST. PAUL (WCCO) — For the second time in two days, a Minnesota legislative committee on Wednesday approved a bill to allow desperately ill patients to smoke marijuana to ease their pain. And although medical marijuana appears to be on a path to approval, opposition is mounting.

The chemical found in marijuana can ease many symptoms of serious and terminal illness. Joni Whiting of Jordan, Minn. watched her daughter go through chemotherapy. "For this government to deny those who need medical marijuana to lessen the severity of their pain, nausea and seizures is unjustifiable," Whiting told a legislative committee Wednesday.

Under the bill they would be able to get up to 2.5 ounces from a state sanctioned supplier or grow their own, up to 12 plants. But smoking pot for any reason remains a cultural stigma. Like an from the 1960s educational film "Keep Off The Grass".

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