

## Abstract

The aim of my thesis is to unify the total view of the issue of euthanasia and assisted suicide with an emphasis on the criminal law. I am not trying to conclude whether legalize euthanasia in the Czech legal system or not, I just would like to outline the possibilities of the legal regulation in the Czech Republic in the future, after providing the analysis of the countries where euthanasia has happened legal in the last few years.

My thesis is divided into eight chapters. At the beginning I try to give a detailed description of the substance of euthanasia and other related terms as assisted suicide, do not resuscitate and then I state usual forms and divisions of euthanasia. Then I deal with the history of euthanasia in the world because for understanding and clarification it is necessary. The next chapter is already about euthanasia in Czech Republic, where euthanasia has never been legalised but there were some efforts in some forms to do that. In this part I deal with a legal qualification of killing on request and assisted suicide *de lege lata* and *de lege ferenda*. I also mention the opinions of the opponents and the protagonists of the question of euthanasia. The next chapter deals with a quality of palliative care as one of the arguments against euthanasia. It is impossible to omit the medical ethics and her foundation stone, which is the Hippocratic oath. One of the most largest part of this thesis handles with the legal regulations of the countries where euthanasia or assisted suicide are legalised. In the last but one chapter is mentioned the attitude of European union and Council of Europe about the question of the life and death. The last part of my thesis is addressed to the important decisions of the European court of human rights about the end of life.

After completion of my thesis I came to the conclusion that the issues ask for a legal regulation in Czech Republic. It does not have to be a special act but the satisfactory solution could be privileged facts of the case killing on request in Criminal code.