

Abstract

The thesis deals with an issue of legal regulation of the withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment in the Czech Republic. Its aim is to analyse the existing national legal regulation in this area, to compare it with the legal regulation in the Federal Republic of Germany and to propose potential changes or additions. Firstly, the basic terminology necessary for understanding the issue of the withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment is presented. The thesis further focuses on the analysis of the relevant Czech legislation, both on civil and medical law level, and its relation to the fundamental human rights and freedoms inherent in this issue. The following chapter summarises the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights relevant to the issue of the withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment. The thesis then analyses the legal regulation of the same issue in the Federal Republic of Germany, together with the case law of the Federal Court of Justice. The final chapter compares the two legal regulations and evaluates the Czech legal regulation of the withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment as insufficient. Furthermore, the thesis provides a list of the main shortcomings of the current legislation, including a suggestion on what possible amendments should be aimed at.