



COMMITTEE: LEGAL

COUNTRY: MOLDOVA

AGENDA ITEM: LEGALITY OF EUTHANASIA

Euthanasia is the practice of intentionally ending life to relieve pain and suffering. Euthanasia is categorized in different ways, which include voluntary, non-voluntary, or involuntary. Voluntary euthanasia is when a person wills to have their life ended and is legal in growing amount of countries. Non-voluntary euthanasia occurs when a patient's consent is unavailable so when a patient is in a coma and is legal in several countries under certain limited conditions. Involuntary euthanasia, which is done without asking for consent or against the patient's will, is illegal in all countries and is usually considered murder. You can basically understand the purpose and kinds of euthanasia from this information.

In Moldova all types of euthanasia is banned. They are prohibited by articles 148, 150 and 162 of the Criminal Code. According to their opinion: article 150. Determination or facilitation of suicide: intentional determination or facilitation of suicide, including by means of electronic communications networks, resulting in suicide shall be punished by imprisonment from 2 to 5 years. For a minor who is materially or otherwise dependent on the perpetrator, shall be punished by imprisonment from 5 to 9 years. For a minor up to age 14, two or more persons, shall be punished by imprisonment from 9 to 12 years. If this action have resulted in a suicide attempt, the minimum sentence shall be reduced to half. Article 162. Failure to provide assistance to a sick person: failure to provide assistance, without good reason, to a sick person by a person who, by virtue of the law or special rules, was obliged to provide it is punishable by a fine of 550 to 850 conventional units or unpaid community service from 100 to 240 hours. The same act which provoked recklessly: a serious injury to bodily integrity or health; the death of the patient shall be punished by imprisonment for up to 5 years with deprivation of the right to hold certain positions or to exercise a certain activity for a term of up to 3 years. Article 148. Deprivation of Life upon a Person's Wish (Euthanasia): the deprivation of a person's life in connection with his/her incurable disease or unbearable physical pain, provided it is victim's wish or, in the case of juveniles, the wish of their relatives shall be punished by imprisonment for up to 6 years. By these strict rules in the Criminal Code you can understand that Moldova does not support euthanasia and gives punishment to any category of it.

REFERENCES:

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