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Legislation is gaining momentum

At the end of June, the German Bundestag discussed the existing draft legislation on the new regulation of assisted suicide. In the run-up to this, DGHS President RA Prof. Robert Roßbruch had visited members of the Bundestag, including the Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Health, for one-to-one talks in order to explain the position of the DGHS again. The patient protection organization rejects an obligation to provide advice and does not necessarily see the need to pass a new law (pp. 4-7).

Switzerland is a role model for dealing with assisted suicide. The EXIT organization has been there for 40 years. A contribution by Elke Baezner, who was President of EXIT Deutsche Schweiz until 2003 and later President of the DGHS (2008-2016), reflects that its beginnings were not easy.

In a precedent that contained a possible obligation for the doctor to pay compensation if the patient's suffering was prolonged, the Federal Constitutional Court made a decision that dismissed a corresponding constitutional complaint. The litigating lawyer Wolfgang Putz explains the background for "Humanes Leben - Humanes Sterben" (pp. 14-15).

Book reviews, press reviews and event tips round off the magazine as usual. Your HLS editorial team wishes you interesting and profitable reading! Journalists, schools and libraries can order the DGHS magazine "Humanes Leben - Humanes Sterben" free of charge as a print edition by post or digitally as a PDF file by e-mail. Please write to: info@dghs.de. The full text of the current issue can be downloaded as a PDF file from www.dghs.de.

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