

Does New California Bill Allow 'Murder for Profit?'

California lawmakers have advanced a bill that would expand the state's current euthanasia laws.

State leaders call it a "correction." But opponents say AB 282 "effectively removes all prosecution from those who pressure depressed people to commit suicide."

California first approved assisted suicide back in 2015. The law doesn't require a witness at death or for the patient to self-administer. And "Save California" reports the existing law even permits forgery of a final attestation form and a false cause of death on a death certificate.

"This new bill would: 'Exempt from criminal prosecution aiding, advising or encouraging physician-assisted suicide,'" said Randy Thomasson of Save California.

"In other words, a bad doctor, bad nurse or bad family member can pressure you to die. No police, district attorney or judge will know what went on in the final moments, and even if they did, they'll have to look the other way," Thomasson told CBN News. More than the 2015 'assisted suicide' law, AB 282 sets up the 'perfect crime.' Someone who can financially benefit from your death can actually sign an order giving you suicide pills. This allows murder for profit."

Thomasson is also concerned about what these laws are telling impressionable youth.

"What's more, this pro-death bill sends an unmistakable message to teenagers and young adults that if you're depressed, suicide is the 'answer.'" {eo}

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