

NY Legalizes Assisted Suicide, Some Warn It Creates a 'Sense of Coercion'

This month, New York joined the growing number of states that have legalized doctor-assisted suicide. Supporters say giving patients the choice to end their lives with the help of a physician provides compassion for the dying. Opponents warn it creates larger ethical problems.

More than a dozen states and Washington, D.C., allow the practice of doctor-assisted suicide. New York became the latest when the governor legalized the Medical Aid in Dying bill this month—a move many critics say puts the country on an even more slippery slope when it comes to the issue of life and death.

Matt Sharp with Alliance Defending Freedom said, “Under this law, the floodgates are now open wide.”



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“This was an incredibly difficult decision,” NY Gov. Kathy Hochul said in a website statement after she supported the controversial law.

She went on to say, “My mother died of ALS, and I am all too familiar with the pain of seeing someone you love suffer and being powerless to stop it.”

New York's faith community is condemning Hochul's action, with Cardinal Timothy Dolan declaring in a joint statement with the bishops of New York:

“This new law signals our government's abandonment of its most

vulnerable citizens, telling people who are sick or disabled that suicide, in their case, is not only acceptable, but is encouraged by our elected leaders.”

Other states where the practice is already legal include California, Hawaii, Delaware, Oregon, and Illinois.

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