

Abstract

The aim of this thesis is the analysis of domestic legislation affecting euthanasia and analysis of such adjustments abroad. The author questions the appropriateness of such adjustments in the Czech Republic. The current legal regulation does not regulate euthanasia in any way, and so the adoption of such regulation is appropriate. Domestic experts criticize this fact for a long time. In the first part the author deals with the most comprehensive definition of the subject of euthanasia and its development abroad and, particularly, in the Czech Republic. Other parts, using the historical-empirical methods, deal with the legal arrangements and their analysis in the Benelux countries, where the euthanasia is legal under certain given conditions. They describe not only the current treatment, but also the path that led to it. In the last section the author assesses the non-legal aspects of euthanasia and outlines two basic directions, which the domestic legislation could take in the future.