

## **ABSTRACT**

In this thesis, I examined the definition of euthanasia and its different forms, as well as the legal evolution of this term and its constitutional foundations in the Czech Republic. Furthermore, I focused on the legislative treatment of euthanasia in the Czech criminal law, and compared it to the legislative treatment of euthanasia in Australia, Colombia, and England.

In every individual state, I tried to capture the most important moments concerning the legal regulation of euthanasia and assisted suicide. In Australia, I focused mainly on the very first legal regulation of euthanasia, in Colombia, progression of an application of the Constitutional Court judgment on active euthanasia and in England, the evolution of relevant case law, usually related to assisted suicide. The most detailed explanation, of course, focuses on the Czech Republic.

In my analysis, I used a variety of Czech and foreign legal sources, including modern sources such as video conferencing. By comparing the approaches, I provided a general overview of differentiation of euthanasia and its potential criminal impact. I subsequently listed some foreign legal examples of judicial treatment and legal regulation of euthanasia and assisted suicide, currently unrecognized in the Czech legal literature.

The main contribution and purpose of this thesis is a thorough presentation of the general arrangements and interpretation of issues related to euthanasia in the Czech Republic, and their comparison to approaches adopted in other countries, such as Colombia.

In the conclusion, I recommended to inspire by the development of issues of euthanasia abroad and receive relevant self-regulation in the Czech Republic that would correct the present unfortunate legal situation leading to illegal practices of Czech doctors and forced patients to use foreign institutions, instead of a peaceful and dignified end of life of the patient in a familiar environment.