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Good morning

I believe that this bill for Euthanasia should not be passed as it is too open to abuse.

The bottom line is that where financial monetary gains are part of the equation on whether a decision is made to allow a person to die under the reasoning of easing his/her suffering, is a contentious issue.

The health system, family, well-meaning friends and doctors and the patient, will all be involved in this decision to end a life.

Have we the right to play God? Isn't the medical profession there to assist people to live and to lessen their pain and to save lives not end them?

There should be more done in the area of palliative care to help those who are suffering to cope with their pain, not end their pain by killing them.

Financial benefits that could be the reason for ending someone's life are:- Governments - to save money by reducing the cost to hospitals for ongoing care and treatment of the elderly, sick, mentally unstable etc. Scrupulous relatives who would benefit from the demise of a wealthy ill person and make them feel that they are a burden on society and better off dead.

Then where does it all end? Would euthanasia be only for the terminally ill (who are expected to die within 12 months) or will it eventually be relaxed to other areas.

Who makes the decision to kill the patient and who actually carries out the deed?

If passed, the bill should be made water tight (as much as possible) so that it is not open to abuse.

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