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DGHS introduces new living will

Ten years ago, the German Bundestag (lower house of parliament) voted on several bills which aimed to enshrine the term “legal will” in the Civil Code. The prevailing bill was that of Joachim Stünker, a Bundestag member from the SPD party at the time. The magazine of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Humanes Sterben “Humanes Leben – Humanes Sterben (Living with Dignity – Dying with Dignity)” spoke with Stünker about the genesis of a law so crucial to self-determination at the end of life (p. 4–7).

In a landmark case, Germany’s Federal Court of Justice once again had to issue a ruling on the legal efficacy of a living will. DGHS-Vice President and lawyer Professor Robert Roßbruch explains the decision from November 2018 and its consequences (p. 8–10).

Furthermore, this issue introduces the results of a working group which thoroughly assessed the patient protection and care pack of the DGHS. The group has now produced a new version which is simpler and more manageable (p. 11).

The Service section focuses on the question: How can couples manage to grow old together happily (p. 12–13)?

Lawyer Dr Oliver Kautz answers legal questions regarding the design and decoration of graves (p. 14–15).

The magazine finishes with the usual book reviews and event information. The HLS editorial team hopes that you enjoy reading the latest issue and that you find it both interesting and helpful.

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