

Swiss gov't rejects call to ban assisted suicide

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(AP) -- The Swiss government has rejected calls to ban assisted suicide groups such as Dignitas but will propose new rules to restrict their work.

Assisted suicide is legal in Switzerland provided the helper doesn't personally benefit from a patient's death.

The government says a majority of the groups and local governments consulted were in favor of drawing up stricter rules to govern [assisted suicide](#) groups.

Justice Minister Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf said last year the government wants to cut down on "suicide [tourism](#)," where scores of foreigners travel to Switzerland every year to end their lives with the help of Dignitas and other groups.

The government said Friday it will draft a bill to go before [lawmakers](#) by the end of the year.

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