

# Top New York court rules against physician-assisted suicide

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New York's ban on assisted suicide stands after the state's highest court rejected arguments from terminally ill patients who want the right to seek life-ending drugs from a doctor.

The Court of Appeals ruled Thursday that state lawmakers had a rational reason for passing a ban on assisted suicide and that the ban doesn't violate the state constitution.

The case was brought by patients and advocates who say New Yorkers with a terminal illness shouldn't have to suffer needlessly.

The ruling isn't expected to end the debate as advocates will try again next year to pass legislation to permit [physician-assisted suicide](#). That bill didn't get a vote this year.

Colorado, Washington, Vermont, California, Oregon and Washington, D.C., have laws allowing people to seek a doctor's help in ending their life.

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