

GOOD NEWS - MAY 2018

Scholl Institute of Bioethics is happy to announce that at least temporarily the Life Option Act is no longer in effect.

Judge Daniel A. Ottolia in Riverside on May 15 gave a judgement that the legislature violated the state's constitution by passing the right-to-die law during a special session that was limited to health care issues.

Attorney General Xavier Becerra on May 21st filed an emergency request with the state court of appeals to reverse the judge's ruling and sought a stay order that would keep the law in effect.

The appellate court denied the stay order and gave the plaintiffs 25 days to explain why the appellate court should not overturn the ruling.

On Friday, May 25, Judge Ottolia issued a final judgment giving effect to the ruling he made last week and invalidating the existing physician assisted suicide law in California.

In the first six months of 2016, 191 Californians obtained lethal drug prescriptions from doctors. During that time 111 people actually used the drug to end their lives.



Attempts to legalize physician assisted suicide in California have been repulsed in the legislature for over 25 years. Californians realized legalized physician assisted suicide is the path to euthanasia.