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Sommario/riassunto	The process of legal change related to euthanasia in the Netherlands has been lengthy and extremely complex. Over a period of more than thirty years, legal standards have been developed that were laid down in a law in 2001. These legal standards have arisen in an interaction between different groups such as doctors (and in particular their professional group the Royal Dutch Society for the Promotion of Medicine), patient advocates (in particular the Dutch Association for Voluntary Euthanasia and health experts), advisory bodies, the judiciary, and the Medical Inspectorate for Public Health and the medical disciplinary colleges), various political bodies and institutions and all kinds of individuals who may or may not have professionally engaged in the debate on euthanasia. In Euthanasia: The Legal Change Process, this complex process is unraveled and described in detail.