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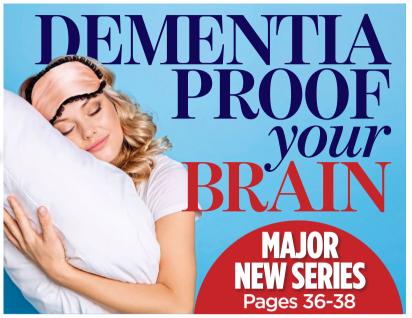


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Hugely controversial vote on landmark life-or-death decisions now due in weeks

ASSISTED DYING BILL SET TO BE 'RUSHED INTO LAW'

A DEEPLY divisive vote to legalise assisted dying could be held within weeks after Sir Keir Starmer backed plans to fast-track it through the Commons, The Mail on Sunday understands.

The Prime Minister is privately paving the way for a vote before Christmas – much sooner than expected – which could

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usher in one of the greatest social changes in the UK since the Abortion Act 1967. A law to allow terminally-ill adults with a life expectancy of less than six months

to end their lives with medical help would spark an intense moral debate over the sanctity of human life and the risks of the legislation being abused. Sir Keir's own Justice Secretary has warned that it could prove to be a mandate for 'granny killers'. After broadcaster Dame Esther Rantzen this weekend appealed directly to Sir Keir

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