

The Truth About the Maryland “Reproductive Freedom” Amendment

***Protect Your Family, Protect Your Freedoms – VOTE NO* November 2024**

Concerned citizens should vote NO to this extreme ballot question which if ratified by voters in November 2024, will amend the Maryland Constitution to forever deprive preborn children their God-given right to life and impose new rights to unlimited, inhumane and taxpayer funded elective abortions through birth.

The amendment would trample upon fundamental rights of parents, citizens, medical providers and churches and threaten the very existence of Pregnancy Resource Centers.

Current Maryland Law	Consequences of Amendment
•Maryland women already have an unlimited statutory right to abortion for any reason through birth, under the 1991 <i>Maryland Freedom of Choice Act</i> . Maryland law is more permissive than <i>Roe v. Wade</i> .	•Abortion will be a state Constitutional right and no law can be enacted to protect the health and safety of women or to protect preborn children from abortion violence including painful late term abortion, without proving a compelling state interest in costly court battles.
•No state law prohibits abortion in the case of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother. Abortion is never medically necessary. Maryland law allows women to receive medical intervention for miscarriage and ectopic pregnancy even at Catholic hospitals.	•Poor women who want to keep their babies will have less access to quality reproductive healthcare through a licensed physician because of the abortion industry’s monopoly over women’s health. Pro-life services could be banned, preventing doctors from saving lives.
•Girls 16 years and older can obtain abortions without parental notice or consent. Abortionists are empowered to waive parental notice requirement for girls under 16.	•Abortionists would be paid to commit abortions on girls of any age without parental notice or consent and with no reporting requirement for suspected abuse to law authorities. Pedophiles and sex traffickers would be empowered to continue to abuse victims.
•Maryland taxpayers spend millions of dollars in state Medicaid to reimburse abortionists for more than 11,000 elective abortions each year. Private insurance companies are forced to fully fund abortions raising healthcare costs for all.	•Maryland taxpayers will be forced to fund up to 70% more for late term abortions for women and children trafficked from other states to evade parental consent requirements or late term abortion restrictions (+\$10 million/year).
•School health centers can provide contraception to minors and coordinate abortions for students.	•School based health centers could perform or provide abortions, and administer puberty blocking drugs and gender transition procedures on children without parental consent.
•Maryland law gives women no right to give informed consent to abortion risks before obtaining abortions.	•Parents would have no legal right to object to their child’s abortion or gender transition and could lose custody of their children for objecting.
•Maryland law has weak protections for the rights of conscience of medical providers who do not want to perform abortions.	•Pro-life providers would be forced to participate in abortion and transgender procedures or risk loss of licensure.