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STATE LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

MARYLAND RIGHT TO LIFE IS YOUR VOICE IN ANNAPOLIS

Maryland Right to Life (MDRTL) has been the leading voice on pro-life policy in Maryland for more than 50 years. We organize advocacy campaigns, draft bills, mobilize grassroots supporters, and lobby legislators on behalf of defenseless human beings who have no one else to speak for them.

In 2026, MDRTL analyzed **2,654 bills** and **17 resolutions**, supported **8 pro-life bills**, identified and provided testimony against **46 threats to life**, successfully defeated **27 bills** and sent **nearly 8,000 constituent letters** during the 90-day session. We reached thousands with our pro-life content and action alerts on social media. Our legislative updates were published by pro-life news sources including LifeNews, Live Action News, and National Right to Life News. ***Thank you for your extraordinary support of our efforts!***



(From left to right): **Andrew Bair**, Maryland Right to Life Director of Administration, **Laura Bogley, J.D.**, Maryland Right to Life Executive Director, **Senator Mary Beth Carozza**, **Senator Mike McKay**, and **Deborah Brocato, RN**, Harford County Right to Life President.

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PRO-LIFE WIN! ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL NOT INTRODUCED IN 2026 SESSION



In February, Maryland Right to Life participated in a lobby day against assisted suicide at the State Capitol organized by our friends at The Dignity Mandate.

This session, MDRTL initiated a \$20,000 digital ad campaign to mobilize public opposition to assisted suicide. With the help of allied groups, The Dignity Mandate and Patients' Rights Action Fund, the campaign hit **460,000 views**. The ad highlighted some of the dangers of assisted suicide and urged viewers to contact legislators.

MDRTL and partner groups have successfully prevented the passage of assisted suicide bills 9 times. MDRTL will continue to lead efforts to defend the vulnerable against the threat of assisted suicide and other forms of euthanasia.

If you would like to view and share our digital ad, please visit: patientsrightsaction.org/md.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2026 SESSION

PRO-LIFE WIN! Infanticide – DEFEATED. MDRTL defeated 2 bills (HB1131 & HB1143), both sponsored by Delegate Lesley Lopez (D-Montgomery), which would have effectively legalized infanticide by prohibiting law enforcement and medical examiners from investigating the death of an infant after birth and shielding abortionists and others who may have been responsible for the demise of a born-alive infant who survived an attempted abortion.

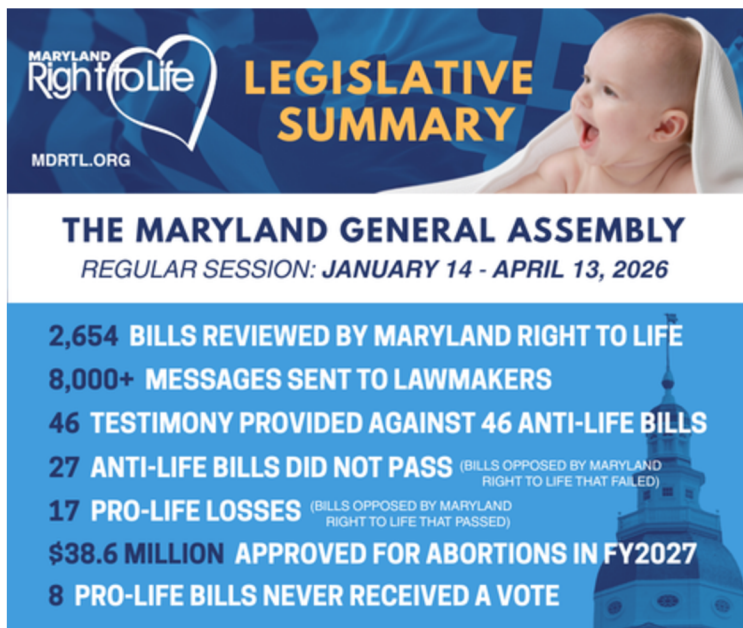
PRO-LIFE WIN! Hospital Death Panels – DEFEATED. MDRTL killed a bill that would have put vulnerable patients at risk by mandating that all hospitals establish “surrogate panels,” also known as “death panels.” HB1323, sponsored by Delegate Samuel “Sandy” Rosenberg (D-Baltimore City), would have authorized hospital panels to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining care or treatment, including nutrition and hydration from patients without an advance directive or representative to speak on their behalf.

PRO-LIFE WIN! Pregnancy Resource Centers – PROTECTED. MDRTL led the fight against 2 sets of bills that would have imposed new and arbitrary regulations against nonprofit and faith-based Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs) in an attempt to put them out of business and deny access to abortion alternatives. HB615 sponsored by Delegate Bonnie Cullison (D-Montgomery) and SB563 sponsored by Senator Dawn Gile (D-Anne Arundel), would have selectively imposed new patient records regulations on PRC’s even though they are not subject to federal HIPAA regulations and already maintain strict privacy standards. HB616 sponsored by Delegate Cullison and SB515 sponsored by Senator Pamela Beidle (D-Anne Arundel) would have subjected PRC’s to strict hospital medical provider rate-setting regulation and state oversight despite the fact that PRC’s do not bill women for services or receive reimbursements through Medicaid or insurance providers.

PRO-LIFE LOSS. Taxpayer Funding of Abortion – INCREASED. Despite the state’s structural budget deficit of \$1.5 billion, Governor Wes Moore’s FY2027 operating budget bill (SB282), enacted by Democrats in both the House and the Senate, contains record funding for abortion and abortion businesses - \$38.6 million dollars. GOP legislators in both chambers attempted to attach language modeled after the federal Hyde Amendment to the bill to prevent public funding for elective abortions. But sadly, their efforts were unsuccessful.

PRO-LIFE LOSS. State EMTALA Abortion Mandates - ENACTED. HB372 & SB169 sponsored by Delegate Lesley Lopez (D-Montgomery) and Senator Clarence Lam (D-Montgomery) infringe on religious freedoms and conscience rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution for emergency medical providers. The new law codifies Biden-era elective abortion mandates under the cover of the federal Emergency Medical Treatment & Labor Act of 1986 (EMTALA), which have been rescinded by the Trump administration. While Maryland hospitals already comply with EMTALA in treating pregnant women facing medical emergencies, this law requires medical professionals to provide or complete elective abortions even if doing so violates their deeply held moral or religious beliefs, or face steep fines or loss of licensure.

PRO-LIFE LOSS. Unethical Testing on Aborted Babies – ENACTED. *The Animal Research Modernization and Best Practices Act of 2026* (SB423), sponsored by Senator Benjamin Kramer (D-Montgomery) and cross-filed by Delegate Bonnie Cullison (D-Montgomery), established human-relevant biomedical testing methods, including inhumane testing on the remains of aborted babies, as the preferred method in Maryland. Democrats demanded taxpayer funding for testing using fetal tissue obtained through abortions after federal funding was denied by the Trump administration. MDRTL vigorously opposed this legislation and urged lawmakers to support only ethical human-relevant testing methods that do not involve using fetal tissue. *A policy is not “humane” if it neglects to protect humans.*



The graphic features the Maryland Right to Life logo on the left, which includes a heart shape and the text 'MARYLAND Right to Life' and 'MDRTL.ORG'. To the right, the words 'LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY' are written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, the text reads 'THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY' and 'REGULAR SESSION: JANUARY 14 - APRIL 13, 2026'. A list of statistics is presented in white text on a blue background, with a small image of a building dome on the right side. The statistics are: '2,654 BILLS REVIEWED BY MARYLAND RIGHT TO LIFE', '8,000+ MESSAGES SENT TO LAWMAKERS', '46 TESTIMONY PROVIDED AGAINST 46 ANTI-LIFE BILLS', '27 ANTI-LIFE BILLS DID NOT PASS (BILLS OPPOSED BY MARYLAND RIGHT TO LIFE THAT FAILED)', '17 PRO-LIFE LOSSES (BILLS OPPOSED BY MARYLAND RIGHT TO LIFE THAT PASSED)', '\$38.6 MILLION APPROVED FOR ABORTIONS IN FY2027', and '8 PRO-LIFE BILLS NEVER RECEIVED A VOTE'.

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For more on state legislation and to see how your legislators voted on key bills, visit mdrtl.org.

PRO-LIFE LEGISLATION IN 2026

MDRTL secured legislative sponsors for the introduction of important pro-life bills, including the *Women's Freedom From Coercion Act*, sponsored by Senator Mary Beth Carozza and Delegate LaToya Nkongolo, which would protect pregnant women and their unborn children against forced ingestion of abortion drugs. MDRTL supported a total of **8 pro-life bills** this session. Unfortunately, pro-abortion Democrats continue to refuse to hold votes on pro-life legislation. *We are grateful to the brave pro-life leaders who sponsored life-affirming bills this session!*



Pictured left: Laura Bogley, J.D., MDRTL Executive Director with Dr. James Kelly, Talbot County Right to Life President, following a committee hearing.



Pictured right: Deborah Brocato, RN, a retired ICU nurse and Harford County Right to Life President, testifies in favor of the Women's Freedom from Coercion Act during a Senate Health Committee meeting.

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MARCHING FOR LIFE IN ANNAPOLIS

A POWERFUL PUBLIC WITNESS TO LIFE AT THE STATE CAPITOL

ANNAPOLIS- On Monday, April 6, Maryland Right to Life sponsored and participated in the annual Maryland March for Life. This special gathering is an enduring public witness to the value of human life and serves as a reminder to Maryland legislators and all fellow Marylanders that our movement remains active and engaged.

Maryland Right to Life chapters were out in full force at the March. You couldn't miss Calvert County Right to Life, Carroll County Right to Life, and Caroline County Right to Life with their banners. Liz Mooney from Frederick County Right to Life was chosen to be a speaker at the Youth Rally that preceded the March. Also marching were representatives from Baltimore City Right to Life, Queen Anne's County Right to Life, and Talbot County Right to Life. Thank you to all who participated!



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Delegate
LaToya Nkongolo



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