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Anti-Pro-Life Pregnancy Center Law in Baltimore Found Unconstitutional

The city ordinance enacted by the Baltimore City Council that required pro-life pregnancy centers to post signs declaring that they do not provide abortions has been overturned by a federal court judge.

December 2009 marked the first time that any government body had passed an ordinance intended specifically to harass pro-life pregnancy centers. The legislation, which was introduced at the behest of the pro-abortion lobby, exempted abortion facilities and pro-abortion counseling centers from any similar regulation.

The ordinance was signed into law despite a vigorous lobbying effort by Maryland Right to Life to stop the measure. The law was immediately challenged in court by the Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore, which supports the city's pregnancy centers affected by the regulation. On Jan. 28, a federal judge [declared the ordinance](#) unconstitutional and unenforceable.

For more information, see the [statement on the MDRTL website](#). Click here to download the complete text of [the judge's decision](#).

Ohio Uses Assisted Suicide Drug for State Executions

The same drug used for assisted suicides in Oregon and Washington will be used in Ohio, which does not permit assisted suicide, to execute convicted felons, according to [a recent report in the Washington Post](#). The drug, pentobarbital, is used in lower doses to induce surgical comas. Ohio officials made the change because of a shortage of the drug currently used for executions.

It is ironic that a drug regimen that is considered a legal "medical treatment" in two American states will be used to execute criminals in another. Put another way, citizens of two states who face serious health problems or disabilities may be legally killed in the same way that Ohio executes criminals.

For more on assisted suicide, see [MDRTL's euthanasia page](#).

Follow Legislation on Maryland Right to Life's Website!

With the Maryland General Assembly session underway, Maryland Right to Life is following all legislation closely and taking a position on any bill that may impact the



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Note: Because MDRTL is working to change the law, the federal government does not allow a tax-deduction for gifts to Maryland Right to Life Inc.

Bills that already have been introduced include proposals to require abortion facilities to adopt the same health and safety standards as other surgical facilities, bills to study and perhaps expand the use of 'telemedicine,' and efforts to create a state healthcare exchange pursuant to recent federal healthcare reform.

Be sure to watch for **Email Action Alerts**, asking you to contact your representatives to register your support or opposition to specific legislation. Your participation is crucial to our success!

Maryland Right to Life Petition Against Abortions Late in Pregnancy Gains Ground; More Signatures Needed

The publicity gained by notorious abortionist LeRoy Carhart coming to Maryland has led to a resurgence of interest in passing protective laws in our state. Carhart, who specializes in killing babies late in pregnancy, was driven out of Nebraska, which passed legislation to ban abortion after 20 weeks, when the unborn child has the capacity to feel pain.

Petition signatures have been coming in daily, but many more names are needed to lobby effectively for protective laws. If you have not already done so, [please add your name to the list of Marylanders](#) who want the Maryland General Assembly to pass laws to protect unborn human life..

Click [here](#) to sign the petition. Click [here](#) to download and print a petition form that can be passed around to family, friends, neighbors, and church members. Please mail completed petitions to MDRTL at the address shown at the bottom of the petition page.

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