

How Did Your Legislators Vote on Life Issues in 2012?

SENATE VOTES

Vote = Reilly Amendment to Limit Taxpayer Elective Abortions

X=Pro-Life Vote O=Pro-Abortion Vote NV=Abstention E= Not Present for Vote

District	Senator	Vote	District	Senator	Vote
1	George C. Edwards (R)	X	25	Ulysses Currie (D)	O
2	Christopher Shank (R)	X	26	C. Anthony Muse (D)	NV
3	Ronald N. Young (D)	O	27	Thomas V. Mike Miller (D)	O
4	David R. Brinkley (R)	X	28	Thomas Middleton (D)	X
5	Joseph M. Getty (R)	X	29	Roy P. Dyson (D)	X
6	Norman R. Stone Jr. (D)	X	30	John C. Astle (D)	O
7	J.B. Jennings (R)	X	31	Bryan W. Simonaire (R)	X
8	Katherine Klausmeier (D)	O	32	James E. DeGrange (D)	X
9	Alan H. Kittleman (R)	X	33	Edward R. Reilly (R)	X
10	Delores G. Kelley (D)	O	34	Nancy Jacobs (R)	X
11	Bobby A. Zirkin (D)	O	35	Barry Glassman (R)	X
12	Edward J. Kasemeyer (D)	O	36	E.J. Pipkin (R)	O
13	James N. Robey (D)	O	37	Richard F. Colburn (R)	X
14	Karen Montgomery (D)	O	38	James Mathias (D)	E
15	Rob Garagiola (D)	O	39	Nancy J. King (D)	O
16	Brian E. Frosh (D)	O	40	Catherine E. Pugh (D)	O
17	Jennie M. Forehand (D)	O	41	Lisa Gladden (D)	O
18	Richard S. Madaleno Jr. (D)	O	42	Jim Brochin (D)	O
19	Roger Manno (D)	O	43	Joan Carter Conway (D)	O
20	Jamie Raskin (D)	O	44	Verna Jones-Rodwell (D)	O
21	Jim Rosapepe (D)	O	45	Nathaniel J. McFadden (D)	O
22	Paul G. Pinsky (D)	O	46	William Ferguson IV (D)	O
23	Douglas J.J. Peters (D)	X	47	Victor Ramirez (D)	O
24	Joanne Benson (D)	O			

About the 2012 Roll Call Votes

Maryland Right to Life acted on several legislative initiatives in 2012.

The most prominent of which were SB427 and HB967, bills which would have required Maryland to collect basic statistics on the number of abortions performed in the state. Currently, Maryland has no way of knowing the pregnancy rate. This is important because not only does the US Center for Disease Control note important benefits of monitoring basic health data, but we have no way of evaluating the many well-intentioned programs to lower the unplanned pregnancy rate.

46 other states collect this data, all while protecting the confidentiality of the patient, as these bills would have. Despite having majority support on the Senate Finance Committee and possible majority support on the House Health and Government Operations Committee, the bills were not

brought to a vote. It appears such bills were killed by pro-abortionists working behind the scenes by denying the vote outright, as they would likely have lost that vote.

HB954 addressed an issue of medical ethics. Recently, there have been cases in Maryland where there is a dispute among family members over a patient's wishes for lifesaving treatment. Unfortunately, there was at least one case in Frederick, MD where court delays prevented a decision from being rendered in time to provide potentially wanted treatment to a patient in need. As a result, the patient died. This bill's primary focus was to ensure that such patients in this specific circumstance would receive the disputed lifesaving care pending a final decision after all appeals. This way, the patient has the full opportunity to have his or her wishes known before a final action is taken which could result in the ending

of the patient's life. The bill was withdrawn after a negative report from a subcommittee.

HB449 was also withdrawn when support withered. This bill was strongly opposed by MDRTL as it would have allowed organ harvesting of patients diagnosed as in a persistent vegetative state. MDRTL used our testimony on the bill to point out multiple studies calling into question the accuracy of such diagnoses and to address the grave precedent this would set by targeting one group of people with non-terminal disability. No amendment eliminated our concern of targeting one group of people with a disability nor the shocking 37-43% misdiagnosis rate identified in major studies. Thankfully, our efforts helped to force the bill to be withdrawn to avoid an unfavorable vote.

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HOUSE VOTES

Vote = Schulz Amendment to Limit Abortion Funding

X=Pro-Life Vote O=Pro-Abortion Vote NV=Abstention E= Not Present for Vote

District	Senator	Vote	District	Senator	Vote	District	Senator	Vote
1A	Wendell R. Beitzel (R)	X	16	Susan C. Lee (D)	O	32	Mary Ann E. Love (D)	O
1B	Kevin Kelly (D)	X	17	Kumar Barve (D)	O	32	Ted Sophocleus (D)	E
1C	LeRoy Myers (R)	NV	17	James W. Gilchrist (D)	O	33A	Cathy Vitale (R)	X
2A	Andrew A. Serafini (R)	X	17	Luiz Simmons (D)	O	33A	Tony McConkey (R)	X
2B	Neil Parrott (R)	X	18	Alfred C. Carr Jr. (D)	O	33B	Robert A. Costa (R)	NV
2C	John P. Donoghue (D)	X	18	Ana Sol Gutierrez (D)	O	34A	Glenn Glass (R)	X
3A	Galen Clagett (D)	O	18	Jeff Waldstreicher (D)	O	34A	Mary-Dulany James (D)	O
3A	Pat Hogan (R)	X	19	Sam Arora (D)	O	34B	David D. Rudolph (D)	X
3B	Michael Hough (R)	X	19	Bonnie Cullison (D)	O	35A	H. Wayne Norman (R)	X
4A	Kathy Afzali (R)	X	19	Benjamin F. Kramer (D)	O	35A	Donna M. Stifler (R)	X
4A	Kelly Schulz (R)	X	20	Sheila E. Hixson (D)	O	35B	Susan K. McComas (R)	X
4B	Donald B. Elliott (R)	X	20	Tom Hucker (D)	O	36	Michael D. Smigiel (R)	X
5A	Justin Ready (R)	X	20	Heather R. Mizeur (D)	O	36	Jay Jacobs (R)	X
5A	Nancy R. Stocksdale (R)	X	21	Benjamin Barnes (D)	O	36	Stephen Hershey (R)	X
5B	Wade Kach (R)	X	21	Barbara Frush (D)	O	37A	Rudolph Cane (D)	O
6	Joseph J. Minnick (D)	NV	21	Joseline Peña-Melnyk (D)	O	37B	Adelaide C. Eckardt (R)	X
6	John O. Olszewski (D)	NV	22	Tawanna P. Gaines (D)	O	37B	Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio(R)	X
6	Michael H. Weir Jr. (D)	NV	22	Anne Healey (D)	NV	38A	Charles Otto (R)	X
7	Rick Impallaria (R)	X	22	Justin D. Ross (D)	O	38B	Norman H. Conway (D)	O
7	Pat McDonough (R)	X	23A	James W. Hubbard (D)	O	38B	Mike McDermott (R)	X
7	Kathy Szeliga (R)	X	23A	Geraldine Valentino-Smith(D)	X	39	Charles Barkley (D)	O
8	Joseph C. Boteler (R)	X	23B	Marvin E. Holmes (D)	O	39	Kirill Reznik (D)	O
8	Eric M. Bromwell (D)	O	24	Tiffany Alston (D)	O	39	Shane Robinson (D)	O
8	John Cluster (R)	X	24	Carolyn J.B. Howard (D)	O	40	Frank M. Conaway Jr. (D)	O
9A	Gail H. Bates (R)	X	24	Michael L. Vaughn (D)	O	40	Barbara A. Robinson (D)	O
9A	Warren E. Miller (R)	X	25	Aisha Braveboy (D)	O	40	Shawn Z. Tarrant (D)	O
9B	Susan Krebs (R)	X	25	Dereck E. Davis (D)	O	41	Jill P. Carter (D)	O
10	Emmett C. Burns (D)	X	25	Melony G. Griffith (D)	O	41	Nathaniel Oaks (D)	O
10	Adrienne A. Jones (D)	O	26	Veronica Turner (D)	E	41	Samuel I. Rosenberg (D)	O
10	Shirley Nathan-Pulliam (D)	O	26	Kris Valderrama (D)	O	42	Susan L. Aumann (R)	X
11	Jon S. Cardin (D)	O	26	Jay Walker (D)	E	42	William J. Frank (R)	X
11	Dan K. Morhaim (D)	O	27A	James E. Proctor (D)	O	42	Stephen W. Lafferty (D)	O
11	Dana M. Stein (D)	O	27A	Joseph F. Vallario Jr. (D)	O	43	Curt Anderson (D)	O
12A	Stephen J. DeBoy Sr. (D)	X	27B	Mark N. Fisher (R)	X	43	Maggie McIntosh (D)	O
12A	James E. Malone (D)	O	28	Sally Jameson (D)	O	43	Mary Washington (D)	O
12B	Elizabeth Bobo (D)	O	28	Peter A. Murphy (D)	O	44	Keith E. Haynes (D)	O
13	Guy Guzzone (D)	O	28	C.T. Wilson (D)	NV	44	Keiffer Mitchell (D)	O
13	Shane E. Pendergrass (D)	O	29A	John F. Wood Jr. (D)	X	44	Melvin L. Stukes (D)	O
13	Frank S. Turner (D)	O	29B	John L. Bohanan Jr. (D)	O	45	Talmadge Branch (D)	O
14	Anne R. Kaiser (D)	O	29C	Anthony J. O'Donnell (R)	X	45	Cheryl D. Glenn (D)	O
14	Eric Luedtke (D)	O	30	Michael E. Busch (D)	O	45	Hattie N. Harrison (D)	NV
14	Craig Zucker (D)	O	30	Herb McMillan (R)	X	46	Luke Clippinger (D)	O
15	Kathleen M. Dumais (D)	O	30	Ron George (R)	X	46	Peter A. Hammen (D)	O
15	Brian J. Feldman (D)	O	31	Don H. Dwyer Jr. (R)	X	46	Brian K. McHale (D)	O
15	Aruna Miller (D)	O	31	Nicholaus Kipke (R)	X	47	Jolene S. Ivey (D)	O
16	C. William Frick (D)	O	31	Steven R. Schuh (R)	X	47	Doyle L. Niemann (D)	O
16	Ariana Kelly (D)	O	32	Pamela G. Beidle (D)	X	47	Michael Summers (D)	O

The votes you see portrayed above were the only relevant floor votes in each chamber in the 2012 regular General Assembly Session. They reflect a fundamental issue: denying taxpayer funds for elective abortions.

In the budget, such funding is allowed. Statistics compiled by the State over the past decade indicate that for these Medicaid-funded

abortions, the only type of abortions where any data is compiled, about 99.8% were justified by the vague "mental health" reason.

Since mental health can be defined in this context as "depriving a woman of her preferred lifestyle" or requiring her to "endure the discomforts of pregnancy," it is very clear this means abortion on demand.

Pro-life Marylanders need to know how their representatives voted on crucial legislation — and hold them accountable! If you have any questions, visit the legislation page on the MDRTL website or contact our Director of Administration and Legislation Jeffrey Meister at 410-269-6397, 301-858-8304, or jeff@mdrtl.org.