

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY, PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS

VOTE “NO” IN NOVEMBER

In the November 2024 General Election, vote **AGAINST** amending the Maryland Constitution.

AMENDMENT vs LAW: An amendment to the Maryland Constitution, which must be ratified by voters, creates a new legal standard that **supersedes** pre-existing laws. Any changes to the amendment must be passed by the General Assembly and ratified by the voters. Current and new laws must comply with the Constitution and its amendments.

The proposed **amendment** states:

RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

“That **every person**, as a central component of an **individual’s** right to liberty and equality, has the fundamental right to **reproductive freedom, including but not limited to** the ability to make and effectuate decisions to prevent, continue, or end one’s own pregnancy. The State **may not, directly or indirectly, deny, burden, or abridge the right** unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.”

LOSS OF PARENTAL RIGHTS:

“**Person**” and “**individual**” means that the amendment applies to males and females, regardless of age. Attempts to change the language to replace “person” and “individual” with “woman”, provide age limits and parental notification requirements **were rejected** by the General Assembly.

IT’S MORE THAN ABORTION:

“**Including but not limited to**” reveals that “reproductive freedom” is not exclusive to abortion. The General Assembly **rejected** replacing “reproductive freedom” with “abortion.” “Reproductive freedom” **includes** consenting to any drugs or procedures on the reproductive anatomy, male or female.

INCREASED HEALTHCARE COSTS FOR ALL MARYLANDERS: Cost cannot be a burden. Any drug or procedure pertaining to the reproductive system **could not be denied** due to cost. Many treatments, such as gender drugs and surgeries, are experimental and elective. The amendment would require taxpayers to cover the cost through Medicaid and private health insurance resulting in higher healthcare costs for all.

INCREASED LITIGATION: Any opposition could be seen as “abridging” a minor child’s access to these “new rights.” Individuals and organizations could face costly litigation. Conscience protections will be threatened. Parents could face custody battles for opposing “gender transition.”

DECREASED QUALITY AND SAFETY OF REPRODUCTIVE CARE: Parents **will be excluded** from their children’s reproductive decisions which is a barrier to informed consent. Implementing safety protocols could be seen as “abridging” or “burdening” the new rights.

With or without this amendment, abortion through birth for any reason is legal and will remain legal in Maryland. With or without the amendment, adults can obtain gender drugs and surgeries.

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