

# Vote UNfavorable for HB0268

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Senators,

HB268 would incentivize using the allegation of a crime of any kind - state or federal, actual or contrived, solved or unsolved - as a marital matter, ensnaring a presumably innocent person into a court appearance under the threat of contempt. Remember, this is not a voluntary submission - this is the state wedging itself into a familial & lifetime bond for the purposes of a gathering (not a conviction) of mere evidence or testimony. There's no mandate to use said evidence or testimony for the case; so the result is wasted time, wasted testimony, unwarranted intrusion.

But the State could force its way into the marital chamber.

And, though timeframe of the crime is mentioned in the bill, neither allegations of such crime nor scope of the allegations will be firmly respected once the investigation takes root amidst a married couple's personal life.

Is there cause for this bill? That is, are there many crimes left un-prosecuted because a spouse is effectively hiding evidence?

No. There are other means of obtaining evidence in marital cases.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack\\_B.\\_Johnson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack_B._Johnson)

Is there a climate in Maryland where spouses (particularly wives) are reluctant to approach the courts

No. Women file 80% of divorces.

<https://www.divorcesource.com/blog/why-women-file-80-percent-of-divorces/>

As with many of these bills, there is no way to calculate the **UNintended consequences**.

Indeed, as was testified in the January House Judiciary hearing, they don't even know how many people this bill would help.

That's because this is an agenda piece by radicals.

They wrongfully point to

UNdocumented,

UNsubstantiated,

UNcalculable "coercion" & jail-house weddings as cause to annihilate the spousal privilege.

Thankfully, Sen. Mary Washington was prescient in noting that lobbyists from the Domestic Violence Industry (which receives 100's of thousands of dollars from the state and more from fed governments) would devise ways to inject volatility into Maryland families.

[http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Committees/Media/false?cmte=jpr&ys=2019RS&clip=JPR\\_2\\_12\\_2019\\_meeting\\_1&url=http%3A%2F%2Fmgahouse.maryland.gov%2Fmgaga%2Fplay%2Fe857c1c3-5503-4334-8595-1341f3b34e23%2F%3Fcatalog%2F03e481c7-8a42-4438-a7da-93ff74bdaa4c%26playfrom%3D12441000](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Committees/Media/false?cmte=jpr&ys=2019RS&clip=JPR_2_12_2019_meeting_1&url=http%3A%2F%2Fmgahouse.maryland.gov%2Fmgaga%2Fplay%2Fe857c1c3-5503-4334-8595-1341f3b34e23%2F%3Fcatalog%2F03e481c7-8a42-4438-a7da-93ff74bdaa4c%26playfrom%3D12441000)

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Marital privilege is internationally respected. I really encourage you to listen to what JPR Chairman Bobby Zirkin had to say on the issue & the various remedies he & others on JPR offered as currently available outside the messy provision this bill would enable.

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## **\*\* The Un-married Ignoring the Practice of Marriage \*\***

**HB268** ignores the EXPLICIT bi-directional assumption involved with married couples, sleeping in the same bed, each wearing bedroom garb, in a consummated marriage and all the familiarity that goes along with that. What this involves is throwing out the **spousal privilege**.

**HB268** could turn every marriage into a criminal case whenever things get stressful in a marriage setting. Radical feminists wish to destroy marriage.

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/feminists-want-women-to-be-liberated-from-men-marriage-and-children-no-wonder-they-never-use-the-word>

## **\*\* Senatorial Respect for Marriage \*\***

The sanctity of marriage & the respect for the marriage contract & the societal benefit of marital harmony are persistently under attack in Maryland. Marital privilege is internationally respected. Thank you for your time & attention to reducing false allegations, preserving family & eliminating the monetization of family discord.

Thank you for your votes & your consideration.

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~vince