

If House Bill 1171 passes, it will allow any individual the right to “prevent, continue, or end their pregnancy” and abortion, which is the deliberate termination of a human pregnancy, will be made a constitutional right in Maryland.

A common and brutal type of abortion involves dismembering a living unborn child piece by piece. According to the National Abortion Federation's abortion training textbook, dismemberment abortions are a preferred method of abortion, in part because they are cheaper than other available methods.

MD Code, Criminal Law, § 10-601 - 623; MD Code, Criminal Law, § 3-322 : This Maryland statutory section comprises the state's anti-cruelty provisions. Under the section, "animal" means a living creature except a human being. "Cruelty" is defined as the unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain or suffering caused or allowed by an act, omission, or neglect, and includes torture and torment.

One would think that the Maryland state government, with all of its prestige and accumulated scientific knowledge, would classify members of all species as those particular species from conception, without this one exception: our own humans!

In real life, this bill would allow Child Molesters and Incestuous Fathers (individuals who engage in illegal sexual activity with children) to force their victims (children who have been raped) to kill the baby and cover up their crime.

I oppose this bill because it overlooks the rights of child sexual abuse victims and does not protect the unborn from cruelty.