

Unfavorable Witness to HB1171

This bill's language does not distinguish between minors and adults, making any law against statutory rape unconstitutional. Why did any legislators ever vote for this? No doubt because they are thinking of this bill as being about abortion (in the potential absence of Roe v. Wade). It is actually the enshrinement of child rape into the Maryland Constitution. As such, this bill is clearly the culmination of all the goals of those who want to freely exploit the weak and vulnerable. It makes virtually impossible the prosecution of any person who sexually exploits children or the vulnerable.