

This bill must be stopped immediately with no chance of ever being brought up for consideration again. This bill would effectively legalize infanticide as it would prevent the investigation of infant deaths unrelated to abortion. Maryland has no clear definition for “perinatal” and the medical definition varies. It can begin at the 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy and end at 1 to 4 weeks AFTER birth. This includes babies born alive and whose deaths are caused by failure to act, abandonment, starvation and any other cruel treatment that leads to death of the infant. What kind of a society have we become that would even consider such treatment of the youngest, most innocent, and most vulnerable among us? Abortion and all its evil have led to such a deadening of conscience that some people cannot even see that these horrible acts are truly demonic.

Maryland has a “safe haven” law that provides a means for a woman who does not want her baby after the child is born to leave the unharmed baby with a responsible adult knowing she will not return for the child. Why not extend this law from the

period of 10 days to 30 days. The woman is already immune from criminal charges if the baby is unharmed.

For the sake of our youngest citizens and of our state and nation, stop this bill once and for all. May God have mercy on us all.