



## House of Ruth Maryland

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Bill No.: Senate Bill 360  
Bill Title: Revenge Porn – Civil Action and Criminal Offense  
Committee: Judicial Proceedings  
Hearing Date: January 29, 2025  
Position: **FAV**

House of Ruth is a non-profit organization providing shelter, counseling, and legal services to victims of domestic violence throughout the State of Maryland. House of Ruth has offices in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Prince George’s County, and Montgomery County. Senate Bill 360 would create a civil cause of action for certain forms of revenge porn. **We urge the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee to favorably report on Senate Bill 360.**

Revenge porn is an insidious act that can have devastating consequences for its victims, including victims of intimate partner violence whose abusive partners may use revenge porn as a means of intimidation and control. With the rise of artificial intelligence, it has become all too easy for perpetrators to create and disseminate sexually explicit images even when they do not have actual photographs or videos of their victims. Senate Bill 360 would create a civil cause of action against a revenge porn perpetrator who has created fake, sexually explicit images of their victim.

It is House of Ruth’s understanding that House Bill 663 is similar to Senate Bill 360 and supports conforming the bills.

**The House of Ruth urges the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee to report favorably on Senate Bill 360.**