

Legislative Scorecard

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your continued support of Equality Maryland.

We are pleased to provide you with the second edition of Equality Maryland's General Assembly Scorecard, which details support for LGBT equality for every one of our State Senators and Delegates.

Please use this scorecard as a resource when communicating with your elected officials. To find your legislator, please visit <http://mdelect.net>, or contact our office at 301-587-7500.

Across the state, we are actively working to pass legislation that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity and expression along with passing a comprehensive marriage equality bill. Your continued support, specifically communication with your elected officials, goes a long way in advancing the journey towards equality and justice for all LGBT Marylanders and our families.

This scorecard is a collaborative effort by Equality Maryland staff, consultants and volunteers and we want to thank everyone who not only helped with this year's scorecard, but also supported our legislative efforts in Annapolis.

Please share this scorecard with a friend, colleague or family member — visit our website www.equalitymaryland.org to view it online or contact us at 301-587-7500 for additional copies. Also, we are actively looking for members to get involved with the work of our Political Action Committee — please contact Kevin Walling at kevin@equalitymaryland.org for more information.

Yours in partnership and equality,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Davenport".

Scott Davenport
Equality Maryland Board President



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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2009 SENATE ACTIVITY

1 Senate Bill 565 — Sponsored by Sens. Rich Madaleno and Jamie Raskin, the Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act would allow two people, regardless of their gender, to marry, so long as they were otherwise eligible to be married under Maryland law. It would also guarantee the freedom of religious leaders to perform and honor only those marriages that are consistent with their religious tenets. This measure had a hearing but no vote. **Equality Maryland supports this legislation and cosponsorship of the measure is scored at 25%.**

2 Senate Bill 785 — Sponsored by Sen. Jim Robey, this bill would add "domestic partners" to the list of family members that can inherit jointly owned primary residences without incurring tax penalties. Spouses and other immediate family members are already exempt. This legislation passed and will become law July 1. **Equality Maryland supported this legislation and a vote for the measure is scored at 40%.**

3 Senate Bill 566 — Sponsored by Sen. Rich Madaleno, this bill would add "gender identity" to existing state law prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations, thereby protecting transgender and gender non-conforming people from unwarranted bias. This legislation had a hearing but no vote. **Equality Maryland supports this legislation and cosponsorship of the measure is scored at 25%.**

4 House Bill 482 — Sponsored by Del. Rosenberg, this legislation includes a list of family members who are allowed to remove a deceased family member's remains from a burial site and reinter them elsewhere. Some legislators attempted to remove domestic partners, who will share standing with spouses, from the law. This legislation passed with domestic partners included and will become law. **Equality Maryland supported the bill as originally written. 5% is given to legislators who voted against removing domestic partners, and 5% is given to legislators who ultimately voted for the measure with domestic partners included.**

5 Senate Bill 647 — Sponsored by Sen. Janet Greenip, this Proposition 8-style constitutional amendment would, if approved by voters, enshrine a marriage ban for same-sex couples in the state constitution and also not recognize other "domestic legal unions," thus nullifying domestic partner laws in Maryland. **Equality Maryland opposed this amendment. Cosponsors of the measure are indicated in column 5 with a ○.**

NAME	DISTRICT	1	2	3	4	5	SCORE
George C. Edwards (R)	01	○	○	○	○		0
Donald F. Munson (R)	02	○	○	○	○		0
Alex X. Mooney (R)	03	○	○	○	○	○	0
David R. Brinkley (R)	04	○	○	○	○		0
Larry E. Haines (R)	05	○	○	○	○	○	0
Norman R. Stone, Jr. (D)	06	○	●*	○	●	○	30
Andrew P. Harris (R)	07	○	○	○	○	○	0
Katherine Klausmeier (D)	08	○	●	○	●		50
Allan Kittleman (R)	09	○	●	○	●		50
Delores G. Kelley (D)	10	○	●	○	●		50
Bobby Zirkin (D)	11	○	●	○	●		50
Edward J. Kasemeyer (D)	12	○	●	○	●		50
Jim Robey (D)	13	○	●	○	●		50
Rona E. Kramer (D)	14	●	●	○	●		75
Robert J. Garagiola (D)	15	○	●	●	●		75
Brian E. Frosh (D)	16	○	●	○	●		50
Jennie M. Forehand (D)	17	●	●	●	●		100
Richard S. Madaleno (D)	18	●	●	●	●		100
Mike Lenett (D)	19	●	●	●	●		100
Jamie Raskin (D)	20	●	●	●	●		100
Jim Rosapepe (D)	21	○	●	●	●		75
Paul G. Pinsky (D)	22	●	●	●	●		100
Douglas J J Peters (D)	23	○	○	○	●		10
Nathaniel Exum (D)	24	○	●	○	●		50
Ulysses Currie (D)	25	○	○	○	●		10
C. Anthony Muse (D)	26	○	○	○	●		10
Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. (D)	27	○	●	○	●		50
Thomas M. Middleton (D)	28	○	●	○	●		50
Roy P. Dyson (D)	29	○	○	○	●		10
John C. Astle (D)	30	○	●	○	●		50
Bryan W Simonaire (R)	31	○	○	○	○	○	0
James E. DeGrange, Sr. (D)	32	○	○	○	○		0
Janet Greenip(R)	33	○	○	○	○	○	0
Nancy Jacobs (R)	34	○	○	○	○	○	0
Barry Glassman (R)	35	○	○	○	○		0
Edward J. Pipkin (R)	36	○	○	○	○		0
Richard F. Colburn (R)	37	○	○	○	○	○	0
J. Lowell Stoltzfus (R)	38	○	○	○	○	○	0
Nancy King (D)	39	○	●	●	●		75
Catherine E. Pugh (D)	40	●	●	●	●		100
Lisa A. Gladden (D)	41	●	●	●	●		100
James Brochin (D)	42	○	●	○	●		50
Joan Carter Conway (D)	43	○	●	●	●		75
Verna L. Jones (D)	44	○	●	●	●		75
Nathaniel J. McFadden (D)	45	●	●	●	●		100
George W. Della, Jr. (D)	46	○	●	○	●		50
David Harrington (D)	47	○	●	●	●		75

● Supported Equality Maryland's Position
○ Did Not Support Equality Maryland's Position

*Sen. Stone was the one senator who voted against this measure when it applied only to same-sex couples but voted for the measure when it was amended to apply to all domestic partners, both same-sex and opposite-sex. Therefore, he is given a half score of 20%.

MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2009 HOUSE ACTIVITY

6 House Bill 351 — Sponsored by Dels. Barnes, McIntosh, Kaiser, and Mizeur, the Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act would allow two people, regardless of their gender, to marry, so long as they were otherwise eligible to be married under Maryland law. It would also guarantee the freedom of religious leaders to perform and honor only those marriages that are consistent with their religious tenets. This measure had a hearing but no vote. **Equality Maryland supports this legislation and cosponsorship of the measure is scored at 25%.**

7 House Bill 1215 — Sponsored by Delegates Hixson, Hucker, Kaiser, Mizeur, Montgomery, Niemann, Rice, and Ross, this bill would add "domestic partners" to the list of family members that can inherit jointly owned primary residences without incurring tax penalties. Spouses and other immediate family members are already exempt. This legislation passed and will become law July 1. **Equality Maryland supported this legislation and a vote for the measure is scored at 40%.**

8 House Bill 474 — Sponsored by Del. Joseline Peña-Melnyk, this bill would add "gender identity" to existing state law prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations, thereby protecting transgender and gender non-conforming people from unwarranted bias. This legislation had a hearing but no vote. **Equality Maryland supports this legislation and cosponsorship of the measure is scored at 25%.**

9, 10 House Bill 482 — Sponsored by Del. Sandy Rosenberg, this legislation includes a list of family members who are allowed to remove a deceased family member's remains from a burial site and reinter them elsewhere. Del. Ron George attempted to remove domestic partners, who will share standing with spouses, from the law. The legislation was passed and will become law. COLUMN 9 shows how delegates voted on the amendment to remove domestic partners from the measure. **Equality Maryland opposed the amendment and 5% is given to legislators who voted against it.** COLUMN 10 shows how delegates voted on the final legislation with domestic partners included. **Equality Maryland supported the legislation and 5% is given to legislators who voted for the measure.**

11, 12 House Bill 913 — Sponsored by Del. Don Dwyer, this Proposition 8-style constitutional amendment would, if approved by voters, enshrine a marriage ban for same-sex couples in the state constitution and also not recognize other "domestic legal unions," thus nullifying domestic partner laws in Maryland. The legislation was killed in the House Judiciary Committee. COLUMN 11 shows cosponsors of the bill. COLUMN 12 shows the Judiciary Committee votes. **Equality Maryland opposed this bill.**

NAME	DISTRICT	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	SCORE
Wendell Beitzel (R)	01A	○	○	○	○	●	○		5
Kevin Kelly (D)	01B	○	●	○	●	●	○		50
LeRoy E. Myers, Jr. (R)	01C	○	A	○	A	●	○		5
Andrew Serafini (R)	02A	○	A	○	○	●			5
Christopher B. Shank (R)	02B	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0
John P. Donoghue (D)	02C	○	○	○	●	●			10
Galen R. Clagett (D)	03A	○	●	○	●	●			50
Sue Hecht (D)	03A	○	●	●	●	●			75
Richard B. Weldon, Jr. (I)	03B	○	●	○	●	●			50
Joseph R. Bartlett (R)	04A	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Paul S. Stull (R)	04A	○	○	○	A	○	○		0
Donald B. Elliott (R)	04B	○	●	○	○	●	○		45
Tanya T. Shewell (R)	05A	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Nancy R. Stocksdale (R)	05A	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Wade A. Kach (R)	05B	○	●	○	●	●			50
Joseph J. Minnick (D)	06	○	●	○	●	●			50
John Olszewski, Jr. (D)	06	○	●	○	●	●			50
Michael H. Weir, Jr. (D)	06	○	●	○	●	●			50
Richard K. Impallaria (R)	07	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
J. B. Jennings (R)	07	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Patrick L. McDonough (R)	07	○	○	○	○	○	○		0

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Joseph C. Boteler, III (R)	08	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Eric M. Bromwell (D)	08	○	●	○	●	●			50
Todd Schuler (D)	08	●	●	●	●	●	●		100
Gail H. Bates (R)	09A	○	○	○	○	●	○		5
Warren E. Miller (R)	09A	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Susan W. Krebs (R)	09B	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Emmett C. Burns, Jr. (D)	10	○	●	○	●	●			50
Adrienne A. Jones (D)	10	○	●	●	●	A			70
Shirley Nathan-Pulliam (D)	10	○	●	●	●	●			75
Jon S. Cardin (D)	11	○	●	○	●	●			50
Dan K. Morhaim (D)	11	○	●	○	●	●			50
Dana Stein (D)	11	○	●	○	●	●			50
Steven J. DeBoy, Sr. (D)	12A	○	●	○	●	●			50
James E. Malone, Jr. (D)	12A	○	●	○	●	●			50
Elizabeth Bobo (D)	12B	●	●	●	●	●			100
Guy Guzzone (D)	13	●	●	●	●	●			100
Shane E. Pendergrass (D)	13	●	●	○	●	●			75
Frank S. Turner (D)	13	●	A	●	●	A			55
Anne R. Kaiser (D)	14	●	●	●	●	●			100
Karen S. Montgomery (D)	14	●	●	●	●	●			100
Herman L. Taylor, II (D)	14	○	●	○	●	●			50

NAME	DISTRICT	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	SCORE
Kathleen M. Dumais (D)	15	●	●	●	●	●		●	100
Brian J. Feldman (D)	15	●	●	●	●	●			100
Craig L. Rice (D)	15	●	●	●	●	●			100
William A. Bronrott (D)	16	●	●	●	●	●			100
Bill Frick (D)	16	●	●	●	●	●			100
Susan C. Lee (D)	16	●	●	●	●	●		●	100
Kumar P. Barve (D)	17	●	●	●	●	●			100
Jim Gilchrist (D)	17	●	●	●	●	●			100
Luiz Simmons (D)	17	○	●	○	●	●			50
Al Carr (D)	18	●	●	●	●	●			100
Ana Sol Gutierrez (D)	18	●	●	●	●	A			95
Jeff Waldstreicher (D)	18	●	●	●	●	●		●	100
Henry B. Heller (D)	19	●	●	○	●	A			70
Benjamin F. Kramer (D)	19	●	●	○	●	●			75
Roger Manno (D)	19	●	●	●	●	●			100
Sheila E. Hixson (D)	20	●	●	●	●	●			100
Tom Hucker (D)	20	●	●	●	●	●			100
Heather R. Mizeur (D)	20	●	●	●	●	●			100
Ben Barnes (D)	21	●	●	●	●	●		●	100
Barbara A. Frush (D)	21	●	●	●	●	●			100
Joseline Peña-Melnyk (D)	21	●	●	●	●	●			100
Tawanna P. Gaines (D)	22	●	●	●	A	●			95
Anne Healey (D)	22	○	●	●	●	●			75
Justin D. Ross (D)	22	○	●	●	A	●			70
James W. Hubbard (D)	23A	●	●	●	●	●			100
Gerron Levi (D)	23A	○	○	●	●	●	A		35
Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (D)	23B	○	●	●	●	●			75
Joanne C. Benson (D)	24	○	○	●	A	●			30
Carolyn J. B. Howard (D)	24	○	○	○	●	A			5
Michael L. Vaughn (D)	24	○	○	●	●	●			35
Aisha N. Braveboy (D)	25	○	○	○	●	●			10
Dereck E. Davis (D)	25	○	○	○	●	●			10
Melony G. Griffith (D)	25	○	●	○	●	●			50
Veronica L. Turner (D)	26	○	●	●	●	●			75
Kris Valderama (D)	26	●	●	●	●	●		●	100
Jay Walker (D)	26	○	●	●	●	●			75
James E. Proctor, Jr. (D)	27A	○	A	○	●	●			10
Joseph F. Vallario, Jr. (D)	27A	○	●	●	●	●	N	N	75
Sue Kullen (D)	27B	○	●	○	●	●			50
Sally Y. Jameson (D)	28	○	●	○	●	●			50
Murray D. Levy (D)	28	○	●	○	●	●			50
Peter Murphy (D)	28	○	●	○	●	●			50
John F. Wood, Jr. (D)	29A	○	○	○	A	●	○		5
John L. Bohanan, Jr. (D)	29B	○	●	○	●	●			50
Anthony J. O'Donnell (R)	29C	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Michael E. Busch (D)	30	○	●	○	●	●			50
Virginia P. Clagett (D)	30	○	●	●	●	●			75
Ron George (R)	30	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Donald H. Dwyer, Jr. (R)	31	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Nicholaus R. Kipke (R)	31	○	○	○	○	●			5
Steve Schuh (R)	31	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Pamela Beidle (D)	32	○	●	●	A	●			70
Mary Ann Love (D)	32	○	●	●	●	●			75

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Theodore J. Sophocleus (D)	32	○	●	○	●	●			50
James King (R)	33A	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Tony McConkey (R)	33A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0
Robert A. Costa (R)	33B	○	●	○	A	●			45
Mary-Dulany James (D)	34A	○	●	○	A	A			40
B. Daniel Riley (D)	34A	○	●	●	●	●			75
David D. Rudolph (D)	34B	○	●	○	●	●			50
Wayne Norman (R)	35A	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Donna Stiffler (R)	35A	○	○	○	○	○			0
Susan K. McComas (R)	35B	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0
Michael D. Smigiel, Sr. (R)	36	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Richard A. Sossi (R)	36	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Mary Roe Walkup (R)	36	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Rudolph C. Cane (D)	37A	○	●	○	●	●			50
Adelaide C. Eckardt (R)	37B	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Jeannie Haddaway (R)	37B	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
D. Page Elmore (R)	38A	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
Norman H. Conway (D)	38B	○	●	○	A	●			45
Jim Mathias (D)	38B	○	●	○	●	●			50
Saqib Ali (D)	39	●	●	●	●	●		●	100
Charles E. Barkley (D)	39	●	●	●	●	●			100
Kirill Reznik (D)	39	●	●	●	●	●			100
Frank M. Conaway, Jr. (D)	40	○	●	●	●	●		●	75
Barbara Robinson (D)	40	○	●	●	●	●			75
Shawn Z. Tarrant (D)	40	○	●	●	●	●			75
Jill P. Carter (D)	41	●	●	●	○	●		●	100
Nathaniel T. Oaks (D)	41	○	○	●	●	●			35
Samuel I. Rosenberg (D)	41	●	●	●	●	●		●	100
Susan L. M. Aumann (R)	42	○	○	○	○	○	○		0
William J. Frank (R)	42	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	0
Stephen W. Lafferty (D)	42	○	●	●	●	●			75
Curtis S. Anderson (D)	43	●	●	●	●	●			100
Ann Marie Doory (D)	43	○	●	●	●	●			75
Maggie L. McIntosh (D)	43	●	●	●	●	●			100
Keith E. Haynes (D)	44	○	●	○	●	●			50
Ruth M. Kirk (D)	44	●	●	●	●	●			100
Melvin L. Stukes (D)	44	●	●	●	●	●			100
Talmadge Branch (D)	45	○	●	●	●	●			75
Cheryl Glenn (D)	45	○	●	●	●	●			75
Hattie N. Harrison (D)	45	●	●	●	●	●			100
Peter A. Hammen (D)	46	○	●	●	●	●			75
Carolyn J. Krysiak (D)	46	●	●	●	●	●			100
Brian K. McHale (D)	46	○	●	●	●	●			75
Jolene Ivey (D)	47	●	●	●	●	●			100
Doyle L. Niemann (D)	47	●	●	●	●	●			100
Victor R. Ramirez (D)	47	●	●	●	●	●		●	100

KEY

- Supported Equality Maryland's Position
- Did Not Support Equality Maryland's Position
- A Absent
- N Committee Chair Does Not Normally Vote

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