

Maryland



RANK **14** SCORE **50.6%**



government

Religious Freedom Restoration Act	Religious Freedom Restoration Act
Absentee Voting	Absentee Voting ☒
Nonparticipation in Weddings by Public Officials	Nonparticipation in Weddings by Public Officials



health care

General Conscience Protection	General Conscience Protection
Abortion Refusal	Individual-Level Abortion Refusal ☒
	Private Hospital Abortion Refusal ☒
	Public Hospital Abortion Refusal ☒
	Immunity from Civil Liability (Abortion) ☒
	Immunity from Criminal Liability (Abortion)
	Protection from Government Consequences (Abortion) ☒
	Refusal in Emergency (Abortion)
	Disposal of Abortion Remains
Sterilization Refusal	Individual-Level Sterilization Refusal ☒
	Private Hospital Sterilization Refusal ☒
	Public Hospital Sterilization Refusal ☒
	Immunity from Civil Liability (Sterilization) ☒
	Immunity from Criminal Liability (Sterilization)
	Protection from Government Consequences (Sterilization) ☒
Contraception Refusal	Individual-Level Contraception Refusal
	Private Hospital Contraception Refusal
	Public Hospital Contraception Refusal
	Immunity from Civil Liability (Contraception)
	Immunity from Criminal Liability (Contraception)
	Protection from Government Consequences (Contraception)
Euthanasia Refusal	Euthanasia Refusal ☒
Recusal of Counseling Provider	Right to Opt Out of Mental Counseling
	Right to Opt Out of Genetic Counseling*
Health Insurance Mandates	Exemption from Contraception Mandate ☒
	Exemption from Abortion Mandate ☒
	Exemption from Sterilization Mandate ☒

Items marked with an asterisk (*) are new in 2026.



economic life

Nonparticipation in Economic Arrangements	For-Profit Business Nonparticipation in Wedding Ceremonies
	Nonparticipation in Union Membership*
No Religious Discrimination in Financial Services/Insurance Provision	Insurance Companies Prohibited from Denying Access
	Financial Institutions Prohibited from Denying Access



religious life

Clergy-Penitent Privilege Protected	Clergy-Penitent Privilege Protected	✓
Ceremonial Use of Alcohol by Minors	Furnishment to Minors	✓
	Consumption by Minors	✓
Houses of Worship Protected from Closing	Houses of Worship Protected from Closing	
Nonparticipation in Weddings by Clergy	Nonparticipation in Weddings by Clergy	✓
Religious Entity Refusal to Participate in Weddings	Nonparticipation by Religious Organizations	✓
	Explicit Protection of Tax-Exempt Status	✓
	Protections from Government Penalties Beyond Tax-Exempt Status	✓



family and education

Immunization Requirement Exemption	Immunization Requirement Exemption	✓
School Protections	Public K-12 Students Excused for Religious Observance	✓
	Public K-12 Students Excused for Religious Instruction	
	Public College and University Students Excused for Religious Observance	✓
	Right of Student Athletes to Wear Faith-Related Attire	✓
	Right to Opt Out of Sex Education Assignments	✓
	Equal Access for College Students*	
No Religious Discrimination in Foster Parent Eligibility	No Religious Discrimination in Foster Parent Eligibility	

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Religious Liberty in the States 2026 Rankings

