



MARYLAND SAME-SEX MARRIAGE LAW TO GO INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1

Quick summary of this article Same-sex marriage in Maryland will be legal beginning January 1, 2013. The Civil Marriage Protection Act was signed by Governor Martin O' Malley on March 1, 2012, providing that same-sex couples can obtain a civil marriage license and that religious institutions will be protected from performing any marriage in violation of their policy. In 2007, the Maryland Court of Appeals held, in a 4-3 decision, the Attorney General Doug Gansler issued a legal opinion stating that the government could recognize same-sex marriages performed out-of-state, and succeeding attempts to pass a legal ban failed in the year 2012. Read the full article here: [Maryland same-sex marriage law goes into effect January 1](#)

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