

## Maryland Governor Signs Same-Sex Marriage Bill

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On March 1, 2012, the governor of Maryland signed the Civil Marriage Protection Act of 2012 into law, thus making same-sex marriage legal in Maryland. The law, which will take effect January 1, 2013, makes Maryland the eighth state to legalize same-sex marriage. Employers with employees in Maryland should review their benefit plan documents to ensure that they will operate in compliance with the new Maryland law beginning in 2013. House Bill 438 can be accessed [here](#).