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Senate Republicans show opposition to same-sex marriage in Maryland

By Jon Fairbanks, 365gay contributor
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Senate GOP caucus leaders in Maryland say they will not support legislation legalizing gay marriage.

During a private meeting on Tuesday, the group voted to take a formal position against a same-sex marriage bill pending in the Maryland General Assembly.

Senate Minority Leader Nancy C. Jacobs said at least eight of the 12 senators who participated in the caucus voted against the bill.

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"We met that threshold," Jacobs said. "The caucus expects extensive debate on this bill and we look forward to discussions of why so many Marylanders are passionate about this issue."

Sen. Allan Kittleman parted ways with fellow Republicans, saying it wasn't a "good move" for the group to weigh-in on same-sex marriage.

Kittleman says he will vote in favor of gay marriage if the bill makes it to the Senate floor.

The bill has 18 co-sponsors and needs 24 votes to clear the Senate.

House Republicans will discuss the legislation next week.

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