



Support

Senate Bill 700 – Maryland Department of Health – Prevent Workplace Violence in Health Care Settings Public Awareness Campaign Workgroup

Senate Finance Committee

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) supports *Senate Bill 700 – Maryland Department of Health – Prevent Workplace Violence in Health Care Settings Public Awareness Campaign Workgroup*. This bill will establish a workgroup to develop a public awareness campaign on preventing workplace violence in health care settings.

ACNM supports this legislation because, as nurse-midwives, and working directly in patient-care settings, members of our organization continue to face increased levels of workplace violence. Workplace violence in health care is four times higher than other occupations.¹ While providing critical care and supporting the health of Marylanders, nurse-midwives should feel protected in their workplaces and not fear incidences of violence or retaliation from their employers with violence is reported. This workgroup is an important first step in addressing workplace violence in health care settings. The workgroup can raise awareness and encourage better reporting and transparency.

For these reasons, we ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

¹ <https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/OSHA3826.pdf>