



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 1251 - Health Care Facilities and Medical Professional Liability Insurers - Obstetric Services Policies (Doula and Birth Policy Transparency Act)

Hearing Date: March 25, 2025

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 1251 – Health Care Facilities and Medical Professional Liability Insurers – Obstetric Services Policies (Doula and Birth Transparency Act)* with amendments. The bill’s focus is to ensure healthcare facilities are honoring a consumer’s decisions about their birthing experience. We particularly want to highlight the importance of facilities: 1) ensuring pregnant individuals can access doula services; and 2) prioritizing the newborn’s bonding with family.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.