



Committee: House Judiciary Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 828 – Immigration Enforcement – Sensitive Locations – Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)

Hearing Date: March 26, 2025

Position: Support with Amendment

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) strongly supports *Senate Bill 828 – Immigration Enforcement – Sensitive Locations – Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)*. The bill provides for the Attorney General to provide guidance to protect Marylanders from immigration enforcement in sensitive locations.

ACNM strongly supports this legislation to ensure all Marylanders, regardless of immigration status, can access needed health, social, and education services. We are concerned that some people may not seek healthcare services, including prenatal and delivery services, because of concerns about immigration enforcement against themselves or family members. We suggest a clarifying amendment to ensure the bill provides protection at all healthcare locations, including the practices of non-physicians:

Strike and replace line 21 on page 1 through line 2 on page 2 with:

“a location where healthcare services are provided directly or under the supervision of a healthcare practitioner licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to practice under the Health Occupations Article”

We ask for a favorable report with this clarifying amendment. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.