



Committee: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Bill Number: SB 316

Title: Sales and Use Tax- Diapers- Exemption

Hearing Date: February 8, 2022

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) strongly supports *Senate Bill 316 - Sales and Use Tax- Diapers- Exemption*. The bill will make diapers more affordable by excluding them from the sales and use tax. Children require at least 50 diaper changes per week, or 200 diaper changes per month. Some families with limited resources cannot afford a sufficient number of diapers, and this situation can put the health of their infants at risk. Dirty diapers can lead to transmission of hepatitis A, viral meningitis, and severe bacterial diarrheas, among many other illnesses that are a danger to the baby's health and the family's health.¹

Maryland should make it a priority to ensure families have the resource to keep their families healthy. We ask for a favorable report on this legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Suhani Chitalia at schitalia@policypartners.net or (240) 506-9325.

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http://www.idahodiaperbank.org/why_diapers_/impacts_of_diaper_need/#:~:text=When%20there%20is%20not%20an,baby's%20health%20and%20the%20family's.