



Committee: House Health and Governmental Operations Committee

Bill: House Bill 1167 – Public Health – Abortions - Coercion

Hearing: March 11, 2022

Position: Oppose

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) opposes *House Bill 1167 – Public Health – Abortions - Coercion*. Health care practitioners are already required to ensure that patients make treatment decisions, including decisions about pregnancy care, without coercion by partners or family. The provisions in this bill actually conflict with best practices in providing assistance to someone who is in an abusive situation and therefore could endanger patients. Thus, we ask for an unfavorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.