



Committee: House Health and Governmental Operations Committee

Bill: House Bill 1360 – Public Health – Abortion-Inducing Drugs

Hearing: March 11, 2022

Position: Oppose

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) opposes *House Bill 1360 – Public Health – Abortion-Inducing Drugs*. The bill would impose clinically unjustified restrictions on the provision of mifepristone, one of the two medications used in medication abortion. The restrictions would make medication abortion significantly less accessible for Marylanders, even though the research demonstrates that medication is safe and highly effective.ⁱ The Maryland Affiliate of ACNM is opposed to legislation designed to interfere with an individual’s autonomy in making reproductive health decisions. In 2019 after state legislatures introduced a record-breaking number of anti-reproductive health measures, ACNM – National issued a statement that “reaffirms its commitment to individual patient autonomy across the spectrum of reproductive health, including abortion.”ⁱⁱ Therefore, we oppose this legislation and ask for an unfavorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.

ⁱ <https://www.gutmacher.org/evidence-you-can-use/medication-abortion>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.midwife.org/acnm/files/cclibraryfiles/filename/000000007327/ACNM%20Opposition%20Statement%20to%20Threats%20to%20Abortion%20Care%20March%202019.pdf>