



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill: House Bill 701 - Public Safety - Governor's Health Emergency Powers - Repeal

Hearing Date: March 1, 2022

Position: Oppose

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) strongly opposes *House Bill 701 – Public Safety – Governor’s Health Emergency Powers - Repeal*. The bill repeals the Governor’s authority to declare a catastrophic health emergency and issue executive orders to protect the health and safety of Marylanders. This measure would severely compromise public safety during emergencies, such as a pandemic or the aftermath of a weather disaster. Therefore we strongly oppose this bill, and ask for an unfavorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.