



### **Opposition Statement HB1475**

Health Facilities – Delegation of Inspection Authority -  
Related Institutions and Nursing Homes  
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#### **We oppose HB1475.**

On behalf of our over 200,000 followers across the state, we respectfully yet strongly object to HB1475. Maryland Right to Life requests an amendment to exclude abortion purposes being used for this bill or an unfavorable report.

This bill not only gives new inspection authority to local government entities which are unspecified in the bill but would also allow inspection outcomes and decisions to be based upon whether or not “a hospital or related institution” provided abortion services. The fines and penalties applied amount to coercion of the “hospital or related institution” to provide abortion services. Non-medical emergency abortions are elective. Pregnant women facing a medical emergency such as ectopic pregnancy or miscarriage are treated appropriately at hospitals. This bill provides another avenue by which the abortion industry forces other entities to provide abortions. Maryland Right to Life opposes this interference with a hospital or related institution to prioritize life-giving and life-saving services over elective abortions.

**The medical scarcity in abortion practice is a matter of medical ethics not provider scarcity, as 9 out of 10 OB/Gyn’s refuse to commit abortions because they recognize the scientific fact that a human fetus is a living human being.** The abortion industry’s solution is three-fold: (1) authorize lower-skilled workers and non-physicians to perform abortion, and (2) authorize abortionists to remotely prescribe abortion pills across state lines.

While the Supreme Court imposed legal abortion on the states in their 1973 decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, the promise was that abortion would be safe, legal and rare. But in 2016, the Court’s decision in *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt* prioritized “mere access” to abortion facilities and abortion industry profitability over women’s health and safety. Now, it appears the abortion industry wants to force their business on other institutions.

Marylanders deserve to have the medical option of using hospitals and related institutions that do not promote and provide abortion services. Maryland Right to Life urges an amendment to exclude abortion purposes from this bill. **Without it, we ask for an unfavorable report for HB1475.**