



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill: Senate Bill 848 – Public Health - Abortion Grant Program and Establishment

Hearing Date: March 6, 2025

Position: Support

The Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants (MdAPA) supports *Senate Bill 848 – Public Health – Abortion Grant Program and Establishment*. The bill creates a sustainable public health grant program to support equitable access to abortion care. The grants would be administered by the Maryland Department of Health.

MdAPA supports access to abortion care in alignment with the American Academy of Physician Assistants’ position that “Patients have a right to access the full range of reproductive healthcare services, including fertility treatments, contraception, sterilization, and abortion.”ⁱ This legislation provides resources for abortion care for people who are uninsured, underinsured, or unable to use their insurance because of confidentiality concerns.

We ask for an unfavorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.

ⁱ <https://www.aapa.org/news-central/2022/06/aapa-statement-on-supreme-court-decision/>