



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill: House Bill 108 – Public Health - Abortion (Heartbeat Bill)

Hearing Date: February 27, 2025

Position: Oppose

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) opposes *House Bill 108 – Public Health - Abortion (Heartbeat Bill)*. This extreme legislation would ban abortion care after 6-weeks gestational age, and it would be enforced through a private right of action. This legislation mirrors the provisions of SB 8 of Texas which has created a public health crisis and has been enacted by Oklahoma and Idaho. With the overturning of *Roe v Wade* with the Dobbs decision, we must ensure that Maryland maintains reproductive freedom. In November 2024, the right to reproductive freedom was added to Maryland’s Constitution with the support of 76% of Maryland voters.

We ask for an unfavorable report on this legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.