



**Committee:** House Health Committee

**Bill:** House Bill 1055 – Health - Newborn Screening Program - Gaucher Disease

**Hearing Date:** March 4, 2026

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 1055 – Health - Newborn Screening Program - Gaucher Disease*. Gaucher disease is a rare hereditary disorder where the buildup of fatty substances impacts the functioning of the liver and spleen and cause bone pain.<sup>i</sup> We support adding Gaucher disease to the list of required screenings for newborns, as early diagnosis and prompt initiation of therapy can improve the clinical outcomes.<sup>ii</sup>

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/gauchers-disease/symptoms-causes/syc-20355546>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC12101256/>