



**Committee:** House Health Committee

**Bill Number:** House Bill 1401 - Public Health - Abortion - Informed Consent

**Hearing Date:** March 19, 2026

**Position:** Oppose

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) opposes *House Bill 1401 – Public Health – Abortion – Informed Consent*. The bill would compel healthcare practitioners to provide inaccurate, misleading information about abortion as a part of an informed consent process. The misinformation is designed to scare people away from abortion as an option.

We ask for an unfavorable report on this legislation. This bill violates a healthcare practitioner’s legal and ethical responsibility to provide patients with accurate and unbiased information about healthcare services. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.