

**Committee:** House Judiciary Committee

**Bill:** House Bill 1131 - Public Health – Pregnancy Loss – Prohibited Actions (Pregnancy Outcome Protection Act)

**Hearing Date:** March 5, 2026

**Position:** Support

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The Women’s Law Center of Maryland supports *House Bill 1131 – Public Health – Pregnancy Loss – Prohibited Actions (Pregnancy Outcome Protection Act)*. We think this bill, which prohibits penalties for pregnancy loss, is a critical step for reproductive justice in Maryland. We are deeply concerned about the impact of the growing trend of criminalization of pregnancy loss on Marylanders and the pregnancy provider community. Other states, including Washington and California, have taken enacted legislation with the same underlying purpose as House Bill 1131.<sup>i</sup> In the current environment, it is important to take the affirmative action of enacting the Pregnancy Outcome Protection Act.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further 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://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?billnumber=5093&year=2025>  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220AB2223](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2223)

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