



Committee: House Judiciary Committee

Bill: House Bill 1209 - Conversion Therapy – Prohibitions and Causes of Action

Hearing Date: March 4, 2026

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 1209 – Conversion Therapy – Prohibitions and Causes of Action*. The bill recognizes the profound harm caused by the provision of conversion therapy by healthcare practitioners. While Maryland has banned conversion therapy as a clinical service for youth, there are generations of Marylanders who have suffered the effects of conversion therapy on their health and economic wellbeing.ⁱ We support legislation that recognizes professional liability includes mental harm and extends the timeframe of survivors of conversion therapy to file civil suits against their therapists.

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

ⁱ <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/blog/new-study-finds-conversion-therapy-and-its-associated-harms-cost-the-u-s-an-estimated-9-23-billion-annually/>