2017 Legislative Wrap-Up
NARAL Pro-Choice
Maryland
Highlights from 2017
Women’s Rally on Annapolis
Defeat of Hogan’s Extreme Anti-Choice Nominee

Hogan nominates Trump advisor, anti-abortion extremist, to Maryland Board of Physicians
Defeat of Hogan’s Extreme Anti-Choice Nominee

- Hogan nominated Day Gardner to the Maryland Board of Physicians
- Gardner was an anti-abortion extremist who spread lies about abortion and about Planned Parenthood and who tried to use Boards of Medicine to harass abortion providers
- In less than 24 hours, we mobilized over 250 constituent emails and phone calls in opposition to Gardner, did in-depth research on her problematic history, got media coverage from multiple sources, and lobbied Senators aggressively.
- Hogan withdrew the nomination before the Senate vote
Choice Bills Summary

- ALL anti-choice bills defeated
- Passed bills on contraception, supporting pregnant & parenting students, protecting Planned Parenthood from attacks at the federal level, and more!
- Did not pass bills on emergency contraception for college students, supporting pregnant and breastfeeding parents in the workplace, and teaching affirmative consent as part of sex ed.
Anti-Choice Bills
HB547

20-week abortion ban

Delegate Ciliberti

• This bill creates a prohibition on later abortion care.

FAILED
HB1167 and SB841
Ban of D&E abortions
Delegate Wivell & Senator Ready

- This bill would have banned the use of dilation & extraction (D & E) abortions, the safest abortion method. Other abortion methods have a higher risk rate for the women.
- Banning the D&E method would have gone against medical advice by professionals and put more women at risk.
HB1223
End Abortion Coverage
Delegate Glass

- This bill would end coverage of abortion in any health plan provided by the state, except for the same reasons under the Hyde Amendment.
Pro-Choice Bills
HB 616 and SB 232
Pregnant & Parenting Students Attendance Policy
Delegate Atterbeary & Senator Manno

- Stipulates that a student’s absence from school due to pregnancy or parenting is an excused absence.
- Prevents school-push out of pregnant and parenting students
- Only 40% of teen mothers finish high school and less than 2% complete college by age 30
- 1/3 of male drop-outs report that becoming a father is a factor in leaving school

PASSED
HB 1083 and SB 1081

Family Planning Services - Continuity Of Care

Delegate Pendergrass & Senator Madaleno

• Allows for the creation of a Family Planning Program within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to ensure the continuation of family planning services in the state.

• Protects patients who use Planned Parenthood from having their care taken away by Congress and the Trump/Pence administration.
HB613 and SB 363
Pharmacists Prescribing and Dispensing Contraceptives
Delegate Hettleman & Senator Conway

- Allowing a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense specific contraceptives.
- Pharmacist can voluntarily enroll in training to take part.
- Pharmacists are the most accessible health care provider for people who aren’t able to afford the cost of a clinic appointment or aren’t able to take time off from work.
HB1205

Access of Students to Emergency Contraception

Delegates Morales & Hettleman

- Requires public universities and colleges to make emergency contraception (EC) available on campus 24/7
- EC is more effective the sooner it is taken
- Many campuses currently don’t provide EC or only sell it during business hours

FAILED
Requires that employers that employ 15 or more employees to provide their workers with earned sick and safe leave that is paid the same amount that they regularly earn.

Employers with 14 or less employees must give unpaid sick and safe leave.
HB1560
Family Life and Human Sexuality Curriculum – Consent
Delegates Kelly & Morales

- Requires age-appropriate education about affirmative consent to be included in family life and sexuality education
- Educating young people about consent can reduce sexual assault
This bill requires the Department of Education to report to Congress about the methodologies to set child care subsidy reimbursement rates in the Child Care Subsidy Program.
Other Bills: Healthcare

- HJ9/SJ7: Protection of the Federal Affordable Care Act – PASSED
- HB909/SB571: Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Act – PASSED
• HB1615/SB1145: Maryland Fair Scheduling Act – FAILED
• HB214: Discrimination in Employment – Conditions Related to Pregnancy or Childbirth - FAILED
• HB398/SB404: Labor and Employment - Equal Pay - Job Announcement and Salary History Information Disclosures - FAILED
• HB1416/SB962: Labor and Employment - Payment of Minimum Wage Required (Fight for Fifteen) - FAILED
• (oppose) HB317: Labor and Employment - Wages and Benefits - Preemption of Local Authority – FAILED
• (oppose) HB382/SB305: Commonsense Paid Leave Act - FAILED
Other Bills: Education

- HB1381/SB866: Education - Adult High School Pilot Program - PASSED
- HB1287: Commission on the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices - PASSED
- HB425/SB651: Public Schools - Suspensions and Expulsions - PASSED
- HB1222: Maryland School Discipline Reform Act - FAILED
Other Bills: Sexual Violence

- HB428/SB574: The Rape Survivor Family Protection Act - FAILED
- HB429/SB217: Criminal Law-Sexual Offenses - Physical Resistance - PASSED
Other Bills: Justice System

- HB1001/SB1015: Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing – Limitations – FAILED
- HB1255/SB981: Juveniles - Mechanical Restraints – FAILED
- HB1256/SB982: Juveniles - Strip Search – Report – PASSED
- HB459: Higher education - Adult Correctional Institutions - Job Training and Education – PASSED
- HB698/SB362: Public Information Act - Records Relating to Alleged Job-Related Misconduct by Law Enforcement Officers - FAILED
- HB1362/SB835: Maryland Law Enforcement and Governmental Trust Act - FAILED
Other Bills: Menstrual Hygiene

- HB95: Sales and Use Tax - Hygienic Aids - FAILED
- HB1067: Shelter Services for Homeless Women – Feminine Hygiene Products - PASSED
- SB625: Public Schools and Shelters - Homeless Girls and Women - Feminine Hygiene Products - PASSED
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