Defend Access to Abortion

\textcolor{red}{DEFEATED} HB1335 Abortion Sought by Minors - Parent or Guardian Consent would require verbal or written consent from a parent or guardian of a minor seeking abortion care. Minors that are unable or unwilling to get this consent would need to seek judicial bypass, with no exceptions.

\textcolor{red}{DEFEATED} HB1424 Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act attempted to ban abortions after 20 weeks while simultaneously establishing language suggesting fetal personhood.

\textcolor{red}{DEFEATED} HB1355/SB1067 Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act would ban the use of D&E abortions, the safest abortion method for pregnancies at 13 weeks or more.

\textcolor{red}{DEFEATED} SB449 Abortions - Viability would have changed the definition of ‘viability’ to start at 24 weeks, further restricting abortion access.

\textcolor{red}{DEFEATED} HB748/SB533 Criminal Law - Homicide - Unborn Child would have changed current law regarding the intentional loss of a viable fetus to apply to a pregnancy of any stage, and introduce fetal personhood and "unborn child" into Maryland law.

Increase Access to Contraception

\textcolor{green}{PASSED} HB1558 Dispensing of Prescription Drugs - Single Dispensing of Dosage Units & HB1283 Health Insurance - Prescription Contraceptives - Coverage for Single Dispensing allows pharmacists to dispense up to one year's worth of contraceptives at one time under private health insurance and Medicaid.

\textcolor{green}{PASSED} HB1024/SB986 State Employee - Contraceptive Drugs and Devices and Male Sterilization ensures that the Maryland Contraceptive Equity Act will apply to state employees.

\textcolor{red}{FAILED} HB780/SB744 Contraceptive Coverage - Consumer Information would have required health insurers to inform consumers of what contraceptive options are they cover.

\textcolor{red}{FAILED} HB1111/SB969 Access of Students to Emergency Contraception would have required public colleges and universities that house students to make emergency contraception (EC) available 24/7.

\textcolor{red}{FAILED} SB686 Coverage for Over-the-Counter Contraceptive Drugs and Devices would have required health insurers to expand their coverage of over-the-counter contraceptive drugs to include condoms.
HB994/SB774 Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Family Planning Services addresses gaps in Medicaid eligibility system, as well as increasing number of people who are considered eligible, making family planning services more accessible.

Reproductive Justice Inside Bills

PASSED HB787/SB629 Correctional Facilities - Pregnant Inmates - Medical Care requires all correctional facilities to develop written policies regarding medical care for pregnant inmates. This law also requires facilities to provide every inmate with a positive pregnancy test result a copy of their policies.

PASSED HB797/SB598 Correctional Services - Inmates - Menstrual Hygiene Products requires all correctional and detention facilities to provide menstrual hygiene products free of charge in quantities that inmates need, by routine as well as by request.

Other Legislative Achievements

PASSED HB908/SB271 Health Insurance - Coverage of Fertility Preservation Procedure for Iatrogenic Infertility requires health insurers to cover fertility preservation procedures for patients facing iatrogenic infertility, which are typically prohibitively expensive, ensuring that these patients have the ability to make their own reproductive choices.

PASSED HB902/SB1028 Conversion Therapy for Minors - Prohibition bans the use of conversion therapy on LGBTQ minors.

PASSED HB402/SB251 Family Life and Human Sexuality Curriculum - Boundaries and Consent requires age-appropriate education about affirmative consent and respecting personal boundaries to be included in sexuality education.

PASSED HB775/SB859 State Employees - Parental Leave establishes that state employees may take up to 60 days of paid parental leave within a year of their child's birth or adoption.

PASSED HB306 State Personnel - Rights and Protections for Nursing Mothers requires the state to provide accommodations for nursing employees, such as break time and a location to express breast milk.

PASSED HB1132/SB858 Health Insurance - Access to Local Health Departments requires health insurers to expand enrollees' access to local health departments under their plans.

PASSED HB1685/SB912 Thrive by Three Fund establishes a grant program to give financial assistance to low-income pregnant and post-partum mothers with children up to three years old.

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