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## **2016 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

### **MNADV Priority Legislation - SUPPORT**

#### **HB 155/SB 278 Criminal Law - Stalking and Harassment**

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Kathleen Dumais

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Susan Lee

This bill *repeals* the requirement that the crime of stalking, harassment, and misuse of electronic communications or interactive computer services be “malicious” and *adds language* that prohibits a person from engaging in this behavior if the person “intends to cause or knows or reasonably should have known that the conduct would *cause serious emotional distress to another.*” The purpose of these changes would enable these stalking behaviors to be more successfully prosecuted.

House Judiciary Committee: heard on February 4, 2016

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee: heard on February 11, 2016

#### **HB 314/SB 346 Peace Orders – Grounds for Relief**

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Vanessa Atterbear

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Victor Ramirez

This bill *adds* the following offenses to the list of offenses for which a petitioner can file for a Peace Order: *misuse of telephone facilities and equipment; misuse of electronic communication or interactive computer service; revenge porn; visual surveillance.* These additional offenses expand the list of harassing and stalking behaviors currently in the law.

House Judiciary Committee: heard on February 11, 2016

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee: hearing on February 18, 2016, 1:00 pm

## **Other Domestic Violence Bills of Interest - SUPPORT**

### **HB 26/SB 158 Criminal Law – Arson, Burning, Malicious Destruction, and Theft – Property of Another – Definition**

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Brett Wilson

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Bob Cassilly

Support with amendment

### **HB 167/SB 578 Domestic Violence – Persons Eligible for Relief**

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Victor Ramirez

### **HB 534/SB 924 Family Law – Protective Orders – Notification of Sunset Repeal**

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Carlo Sanchez

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Victor Ramirez

### **HB 819 Domestic Violence – Permanent Protective Orders – Probation and Suspended Sentence**

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Vanessa Atterbear

### **HB 866/SB 833 Civil Right to Counsel – Domestic Violence – Pilot Program**

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Kathleen Dumais

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Sandy Rosenberg

### **HB 1001/SB 943 Criminal Procedure – Firearms Transfer**

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Will Smith

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Jamie Raskin

### **HB 1091/SB 437 Criminal Law – Committing Crime of Violence in Presence of a Minor – Repeal of Residence Requirement**

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Marice Morales

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Susan Lee

### **HB 1396 Education and Definition of Abuse SB 960 Family Law – Domestic Violence – Definition of Abuse**

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Angela Angel

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Anthony Muse

Support with amendment

## **Other Related Bills of Interest - SUPPORT**

### **SB 472/HB 580 Maryland Healthy Working Families Act**

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Catherine Pugh

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Luke Clippinger

### **HB 1232/SB 978 Child Custody – Legal Decision Making and Parenting Time**

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Kathleen Dumais

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Susan Lee

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The Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) is the state domestic violence coalition that brings together victim service providers, allied professionals, and concerned individuals for the common purpose of reducing intimate partner and family violence and its harmful effects on our citizens. The Network accomplishes this goal by providing education, training, resources, and advocacy to advance victim safety and abuser accountability.