



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.

HB 155 and SB 278 passed both House and Senate with amendments and sent to opposite chambers. HB 155 passed 2nd reader in Senate. House Judiciary hearing for SB 278 on 3/30/16.

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.

HB 314 and SB 346 passed both House and Senate and sent to opposite chambers. HB 314 passed 2nd reader in Senate. House Judiciary hearing for SB 346 on 3/24/16.

KEY COMMITTEES: House Judiciary Committee (JUD) and Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee (JPR)

Other Domestic Violence Bills of Interest - SUPPORT

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

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Victor Ramirez

HB 167 withdrawn. No vote on SB 578.

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 534 passed the House; passed 2nd reader in the Senate.

SB 924 passed Senate. House Judiciary Hearing for SB 924 on 3/29/16.

HB 703 Public Safety – Firearms Disqualifications – Antique Firearm

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Aruna Miller

No vote.

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

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Vanessa Atterbear

No vote.

HB 825/SB 577 Child Protection – Reporting – Threat of Harm

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Victor Ramirez

Unfavorable report in House Judiciary. Unfavorable report in Senate JPR.

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 866 withdrawn. HB 833 received an unfavorable report in Senate JPR.

HB 1001/SB 943 Criminal Procedure – Firearms Transfer

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Will Smith

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Jamie Raskin

Passed House; 1st reader in Senate JPR. Amended.

Passed Senate; in House Rules. Amended.

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 1091 received an unfavorable report in House Judiciary.

SB 437 received an unfavorable report in Senate JPR and was withdrawn by Senator Lee.

HB 1371 Criminal Law – Assault in the First Degree – Strangulation – Lethality Screening Protocol and Training

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate William Folden

Support with amendment

Passed House with different amendments.

HB 1380/SB 850 Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – YWCA Domestic Violence Safe House Shelter

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Herb McMillian

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator John Astle

No votes.

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

Unfavorable report in House Judiciary. No vote in Senate JPR.

HB 1480 Background Check Accountability Act

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Clarence Lam

Support concept of notice

Unfavorable report in House Judiciary.

SB 1047 Task Force to Study Deeds for Victims of Domestic Violence

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Susan Lee

Passed Senate. House hearing in Environment and Transportation on 3/29/16.

SB 1143 Prince George’s County – Neshante and Chloe Davis Domestic Violence Prevention Task Force

Primary Senate sponsor: Senator Anthony Muse

Passed Senate; in House Rules.

Other Related Bills of Interest - SUPPORT

HB 580/SB 472 Maryland Healthy Working Families Act

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Catherine Pugh

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Luke Clippinger

Passed 2nd reader in House with amendments.

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

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Kathleen Dumais

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Susan Lee

No votes.

HB 1005/SB 848 Health Insurance - Contraceptive Equity Act

Primary House Sponsor: Delegate Ariana Kelly

Primary Senate Sponsor: Senator Delores Kelley

HB 1005 passed House with amendments. Favorable report in Senate Finance.

SB 848 passed Senate with amendments. Passed 3rd reader in House.

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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.