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Got Consent?

SB758 Criminal Law- Sexual Crimes- Consent and Second-Degree Rape

Removes antiquated force and threat of force standards, shifting the focus to an explicit and voluntary agreement and providing survivors with a victim-centered approach. **SB758** bars the fact finder from utilizing blame tactics such as questioning the victim's clothing choices and if they had prior consensual sexual contact with the perpetrator, providing a straightforward approach to prosecuting and determining sex crime cases.

SB758 will be heard TODAY, 2/27, at 1 pm!

Click below to **email members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee** and ask for a favorable vote.

Email Judicial Proceedings Committee Members to support SB758



Contact JPR in support of SB758: consent is freely given explicit agreement.

We will provide updates on these bills and others we are working on as session progresses. In the meantime, don't forget to let [your legislators](#) know about what issues matter most to you!

Onward together,



Katie Curran O'Malley
Executive Director

P.S. As always, if you appreciate the work we do, whether in the General Assembly or through our [direct legal services](#) across the State, [give here!](#) And if this email was forwarded to you by a friend, make sure to sign up for our legislative alerts [here!](#)

P.P.S. If you're interested in getting even more information related to the state of reproductive rights, and the legislative package seeking to support abortion care in Maryland, follow the Marylanders for Reproductive Choice coalition, of which the WLC is a member of the

steering committee! MRC is on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#):
[@mdreprochoice!](#)

P.P.P.S. Save the Date for the WLC's Annual Celebration and Awards Ceremony on May 7th at 6pm at Citron!

Have an event you'd like to share with us? Send us an [email!](#)

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