



Women's Law Center of Maryland

Celebrating 53 Years of Advancing Justice

A Busy Week in Annapolis!

*Check out some incredible bills being heard
this week to make a difference for Maryland
women!*

Tuesday February 27th:

Granting incarcerated women who give birth the chance to **nurture the crucial mother-infant bond**, promoting the **well-being of both mothers and their babies**.
48 hours is not enough.

In committee Tuesday 2/27 1pm

**The Women's Law Center of
Maryland supports HB191.**



HB191 The Healthy Start Bonding Program

will allow incarcerated women who give birth the ability to bond with their newborn child. Currently, mothers are separated from their newborns in 48 hours. This forced separation is harmful for both mother and infant. **HB191** allows women who are on prerelease status to reside with their child in the prerelease unit for up to a year.

HB191 will be heard on Tuesday, 2/27, at 1 pm!

Click below to email members of the Judiciary Committee and ask for a favorable vote.

Email Judiciary Committee Members to support HB191

SB753 Public Safety- Firearm Background Checks, Victim Notification

will require a law enforcement agency that learns of a prohibited person failing a background check to notify certain victims immediately. **The bill** will also require the Secretary of the State Police to notify the Maryland State Gun Center.

**Demand accountability and safety
with firearm background checks
and victim notification.**

**In 2022, 56 Marylanders lost their
lives to intimate partner violence.
42 of these deaths by gun.**

In committee Tuesday 2/27 1pm

**The Women's Law Center of
Maryland supports SB753.**

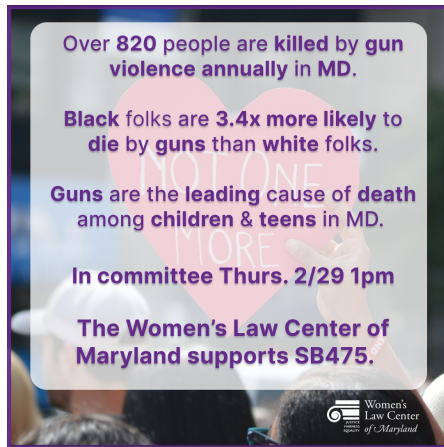


SB753 will be heard on Tuesday, 2/29, at 1 pm!

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

Email Judicial Proceedings Committee Members to support SB753

Thursday February 29th:

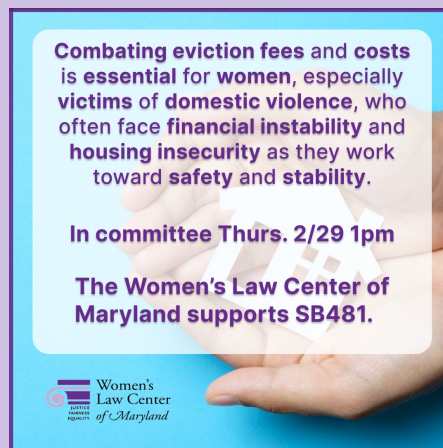


SB475 - Center for Firearm Violence Prevention- will create the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention within the Maryland Department of Health. The goal is to treat firearm violence as a public health crisis. The Center will partner with federal, State, and local agencies and all affected communities. The center will work with all these stakeholders to reduce firearm violence in our State.

SB475 will be heard on Thursday, 2/29, at 1 pm!
Click below to [email members of the Finance Committee](#) and ask for a favorable vote.

Email Finance Committee members to support SB475

SB481 Renter's Rights and Stabilization Act addresses the many issues involving tenants' rights and costs associated with eviction proceedings in the District Courts. The eviction filing fees would be increased, and the courts would be prohibited from assigning those costs to the tenants. **The bill** also creates a fund to pay for tenants' legal representation at eviction proceedings.



SB481 will be heard on Thursday, 2/29, 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 SB481

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie".

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](#)!

About The Women's Law Center of Maryland

The vision of the Women's Law Center of Maryland is a legal system that provides justice and fairness for women. The Women's Law Center's mission is to ensure the physical safety, economic security, and autonomy of women throughout the State. We work towards this goal by providing direct legal representation, information and referral services, and legislative advocacy.

Our efforts to promote justice, fairness, and equality for women are only possible because of friends like you.

Give Today

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