

FINAL BILL REPORT

EHB 2186

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning licensed midwives ability to work with registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

Sponsors: Representatives Bailey, Cody, Schmick, Darneille, Ahern, Green, Kelley and Kenney.

House Committee on Health Care & Wellness
Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

Background:

Registered Nurses.

A registered nurse is a person who performs acts requiring substantial specialized knowledge, judgment, and skill based on the principles of the biological, physiological, behavioral, and sociological sciences in a variety of areas, including the execution of medical regimen as prescribed by a licensed:

- physician and surgeon;
- dentist;
- osteopathic physician and surgeon;
- podiatric physician and surgeon;
- physician assistant;
- osteopathic physician assistant; or
- advanced registered nurse practitioner.

A registered nurse may administer medications, treatments, tests, and inoculations, if within his or her scope of practice, at the direction of a licensed:

- physician and surgeon;
- dentist;
- osteopathic physician and surgeon;
- naturopathic physician;
- optometrist;
- podiatric physician and surgeon;
- physician assistant;
- osteopathic physician assistant; or
- advanced registered nurse practitioner.

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Licensed Practical Nurses.

A licensed practical nurse is a person who performs services requiring the knowledge, skill, and judgment necessary for carrying out selected aspects of the designated nursing regimen under the direction and supervision of a licensed:

- physician and surgeon;
- dentist;
- osteopathic physician and surgeon;
- physician assistant;
- osteopathic physician assistant;
- podiatric physician and surgeon;
- advanced registered nurse practitioner; or
- registered nurse.

A licensed practical nurse may administer drugs, medications, treatments, tests, injections, and inoculations at the direction and under the supervision of a registered nurse or at the direction of a licensed:

- physician and surgeon;
- osteopathic physician and surgeon;
- dentist;
- naturopathic physician;
- podiatric physician and surgeon;
- physician assistant;
- osteopathic physician assistant; or
- advanced registered nurse practitioner.

Midwives.

A licensed midwife renders medical care for compensation to a woman during prenatal, intrapartum, and post-partum stages. A licensed midwife must consult with a physician when there are significant deviations from normal in either the mother or the infant.

Summary:

Registered Nurses.

A registered nurse may execute a medical regimen as directed by a licensed midwife. A registered nurse may also administer medications, treatments, tests, and inoculations at the direction of a licensed midwife.

Licensed Practical Nurses.

A licensed practical nurse may practice under the direction of a licensed midwife. A licensed practical nurse may also administer drugs, medications, treatments, tests, injections, and inoculations at the direction of a licensed midwife.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 95 0
Senate 49 0

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