
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1773

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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Morrell, Rodne, Cody, Green, Ryu, Llias, Farrell, and Santos)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the practice of midwifery; and amending RCW
2 18.50.065 and 18.50.102.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.50.065 and 1991 c 332 s 32 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) An applicant holding a credential in another state may be
7 credentialed to practice in this state without examination if the
8 secretary determines that the other state's credentialing standards are
9 substantially equivalent to the standards in this state.

10 (2) The secretary shall write rules to bridge the gap between
11 requirements of national certification of certified professional
12 midwives and state requirements for licensure for licensed midwives.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.50.102 and 1996 c 191 s 25 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 ~~((Every person licensed to practice midwifery shall register with~~
16 ~~the secretary and pay a renewal fee)) (1) A licensed midwife must renew
17 his or her license according to the following requirements:~~

1 (a) Completion of a minimum of thirty hours of continuing
2 education, approved by the secretary, every three years;
3 (b) Proof of participation in a Washington state coordinated
4 quality improvement program as detailed in rule;
5 (c) Proof of participation in data submission on perinatal outcomes
6 to a national or state research organization, as detailed in rule; and
7 (d) Fees determined by the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250
8 and 43.70.280.
9 (2) The secretary shall write rules regarding the renewal
10 requirements and the department's process for verification of the
11 third-party data submission.

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