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

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1 AN ACT Relating to the practice of midwifery; amending RCW
2 18.50.010, 18.50.065, and 18.50.102; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 18.50 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.50.010 and 1991 c 3 s 103 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Any person shall be regarded as practicing midwifery within the
8 meaning of this chapter who shall render medical aid for a fee or
9 compensation to a woman during prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum
10 stages or to her newborn up to two weeks of age or who shall advertise
11 as a midwife by signs, printed cards, or otherwise. Nothing shall be
12 construed in this chapter to prohibit gratuitous services. It shall be
13 the duty of a midwife to consult with a physician whenever there are
14 significant deviations from normal in either the mother or the
15 (~~infant~~) newborn.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.50.065 and 1991 c 332 s 32 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) An applicant holding a credential in another state may be

1 credentialed to practice in this state without examination if the
2 secretary determines that the other state's credentialing standards are
3 substantially equivalent to the standards in this state.

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

7 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.50.102 and 1996 c 191 s 25 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

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

12 (a) Completion of a minimum of thirty hours of continuing
13 education, approved by the secretary, every three years;

14 (b) Proof of participation in a Washington state coordinated
15 quality improvement program as detailed in rule;

16 (c) Proof of participation in data submission on perinatal outcomes
17 to a national or state research organization, as detailed in rule; and

18 (d) Fees determined by the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250
19 and 43.70.280.

20 (2) The secretary shall write rules regarding the renewal
21 requirements and the department's process for verification of the
22 third-party data submission.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 18.50 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 A licensed midwife may delegate to a registered nurse or a licensed
26 practical nurse selected acts, tasks, or procedures that constitute the
27 practice of midwifery but do not exceed the education of the nurse.

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