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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Blazejewski, Regunberg, Williams, and
Maldonado

Date Introduced: February 25, 2015

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-13-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-13 entitled "Maternal
2 and Child Health Services for Children with Special Health Care Needs" is hereby amended to
3 read as follows:
4 **23-13-9. Licensing and regulation of midwives -- Penalty for violations. --** The state
5 director of health is authorized and directed to make rules for the regulation of the practice of
6 midwifery and for the licensing of midwives, including regulations which require the payment of
7 an initial application fee equal to that fee which is imposed upon applicants for licensure as nurse
8 practitioners and a renewal fee also equivalent to that for nurse practitioners. The rules regarding
9 the regulation of the practice of midwifery shall authorize a licensed nurse-midwife or a licensed
10 midwife certified by the American Midwifery Certification Board to prescribe medications that
11 might be reasonably required by his or her patients; provided however, that ~~a nurse-~~ the midwife
12 or licensed midwife shall prescribe any of those medications as authorized by ~~a list prepared by~~
13 the director of health. The provisions of this section relating to prescription by ~~nurse-~~midwives
14 shall be overseen by the department of health. No person not a licensed midwife or a physician,
15 registered under the provisions of chapter 37 of title 5, shall practice midwifery or shall make a
16 practice of attending women in childbirth for hire, or use the name or title of midwife. Any
17 person who violates the provisions of this section or who violates any of the rules of the
18 department of health made in pursuance of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred
19 dollars (\$100), or imprisoned not more than six (6) months, or both, and the director of health

1 may revoke the license issued to any person when, in the opinion of the director of health, that
2 person is guilty of unprofessional conduct.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize licensed midwives certified by the American Midwifery
2 Certification Board to prescribe medications authorized by the department of health to his or her
3 patient.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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