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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: Senators Miller, Goldin, Satchell, Nesselbush, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: February 12, 2015

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

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~~ certified
10 nurse-midwife (CNM) or a licensed certified midwife (CM) to prescribe medications that might
11 be reasonably required by his or her patients; provided however, that a ~~nurse-midwife~~ licensed
12 certified nurse-midwife or a licensed certified midwife shall prescribe any of those medications as
13 authorized ~~by a list prepared~~ by the director of health. The provisions of this section relating to
14 prescription authority by ~~nurse-midwives~~ certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives shall
15 be overseen by the department of health as defined in the rules and regulations for licensing of
16 midwives (R23-13MID). No person not a licensed midwife or a physician, registered under the
17 provisions of chapter 37 of title 5, shall practice midwifery or shall make a practice of attending
18 women in childbirth for hire, or use the name or title of midwife. Any person who violates the
19 provisions of this section or who violates any of the rules of the department of health made in

1 pursuance of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100), or imprisoned
2 not more than six (6) months, or both, and the director of health may revoke the license issued to
3 any person when, in the opinion of the director of health, that person is guilty of unprofessional
4 conduct.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize licensed Certified Nurse-Midwives and licensed Certified
2 Midwives as defined in the rules and regulations for licensing of Midwives, to prescribe
3 medications authorized by the department of health to his or her patient.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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