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SENATE BILL 5626

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By Senators Kline, Becker, Darneille, Keiser, Parlette, and Chase

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1            AN ACT Relating to the practice of midwifery; and amending RCW  
2 18.50.010, 18.50.065, and 18.50.102.

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

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

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

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

16            (1) An applicant holding a credential in another state may be  
17 credentialed to practice in this state without examination if the

1 secretary determines that the other state's credentialing standards are  
2 substantially equivalent to the standards in this state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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