
SENATE BILL 6559

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By Senators Fortunato and Hunt

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1 AN ACT Relating to midwife fees; amending RCW 18.50.050 and
2 18.50.102; adding a new section to chapter 18.50 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that midwives
6 provide high value care. The legislature intends to ensure the number
7 of practicing midwives continues to grow, and that no person is
8 prevented from entering the practice of midwifery due to the cost of
9 licensure.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.50
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 Initial application fees and renewal fees for licensure as a
13 midwife must be set by the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250 and
14 43.70.280 and must not exceed five hundred twenty-five dollars
15 annually per license.

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.50.050 and 1996 c 191 s 24 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

1 Applicants shall comply with administrative procedures,
2 administrative requirements, and fees determined by the secretary as
3 provided by (~~RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280~~) section 2 of this act.

4 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.50.102 and 2014 c 187 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A licensed midwife must renew his or her license according to
7 the following requirements:

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

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

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

15 (d) Fees determined by the secretary as provided in (~~RCW
16 43.70.250 and 43.70.280~~) section 2 of this act.

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

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