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Brief Description: Creating a joint underwriting association for midwives.

**SB 5778-S.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Increases the availability of cost-effective, high-quality maternity care by making malpractice insurance available for midwives.

Requires all insurers to be members of a joint underwriting association created to provide malpractice insurance for midwives.

Requires the insurance commissioner to approve by December 31, 1993, a plan for the establishment of a nonprofit, joint underwriting association to provide the malpractice insurance.

Establishes a risk management program for insureds of the program.