

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1773**

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MIDWIFERY--PRACTICE

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Passed by the House February 17, 2014  
Yeas 91 Nays 5

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 7, 2014  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved April 2, 2014, 3:45 p.m.

JAY INSLEE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1773** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Morrell, Rodne, Cody, Green, Ryu, Lias, Farrell, and Santos)

READ FIRST TIME 01/27/14.

1 AN ACT Relating to the practice of midwifery; amending RCW  
2 18.50.010, 18.50.065, and 18.50.102; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 18.50 RCW.

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

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

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

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

18 (1) An applicant holding a credential in another state may be

1 credentialed to practice in this state without examination if the  
2 secretary determines that the other state's credentialing standards are  
3 substantially equivalent to the standards in this state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 18.50 RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25 A licensed midwife may delegate to a registered nurse or a licensed  
26 practical nurse selected acts, tasks, or procedures that constitute the  
27 practice of midwifery but do not exceed the education of the nurse.

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