

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6178

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Aligning the legend drug act to reflect the prescriptive authority for licensed midwives.

Sponsors: Senators Randall, Torres, Nobles, Trudeau, Kuderer, Dhingra, Saldaña, Shewmake and Wilson, C..

Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care
House Committee on Health Care & Wellness

Background: A licensed midwife renders medical aid for a fee to a person during prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum stages or to a newborn up to two weeks of age. The Secretary of Health is the disciplining authority for licensed midwives.

To be licensed as a midwife, a person must have a high school education, be at least 21 years of age, possess a certificate or diploma from a midwifery program, and pass an examination.

The Legislature established a limited prescriptive license extension for licensed midwives in 2022. A midwife who has been granted a limited prescriptive license extension may prescribe, obtain, and administer antibiotic, antiemetic, antiviral, antifungal, low-potency topical steroid, and antipruritic medications and therapies; other medications and therapies for the prevention and treatment of conditions that do not constitute a significant deviation from normal in pregnancy or postpartum; and hormonal and non-hormonal family planning methods.

Legend drugs are any drugs which are required by state law or regulation of the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission to be dispensed on prescription only or are restricted to use by practitioners only.

Summary: The list of providers who may prescribe, obtain, and administer legend drugs is amended to include licensed midwives, to the extent authorized by the licensed midwives'

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scope of practice.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 49 0

House 95 0

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