

WSR 24-09-050
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Updating licensure by endorsement requirements for birth doulas. The department of health (department) is considering amendments to the birth doula certification requirements in WAC 246-835-040 Applicants currently certified in other states or territories, to comply with 2SHB 1724 (chapter 425, Laws of 2023).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.47.800; and 2SHB 1724 (chapter 425, Laws of 2023).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Section 8 of 2SHB 1724 directs all disciplining authorities to waive education, training, experience, and exam requirements for applicants who have been credentialed in another state or states with substantially equivalent standards for at least two years immediately preceding their application with no interruption in certification for longer than 90 days.

The intent of the bill was to make disciplining authorities review and adjust certification requirements to remove barriers to entering and remaining in the health care workforce, and to streamline and shorten the credentialing process. Rule making is necessary to amend certification requirements in WAC 246-835-040 to align with section 8 of 2SHB 1724.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager, Office of Health Professions, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-2912, fax 360-236-2901, TTY 711, email kim-boi.shadduck@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in drafting the proposed rules. The department will be conducting rules workshops with the interested parties and subject matter experts. The department will use the GovDelivery birth doula program list to inform interested parties of opportunities to provide input on the proposed rule language.

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