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Directs the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to consider requiring by rule that an obstetrician either be on the premises of each free-standing birthing center during the operating hours of the center or be on call for the center during those times; and that each obstetrician who staffs a free-standing birthing center, whether as an employee or a contractor, possess an unrestricted license to practice medicine and active admitting privileges at a hospital that is located not further than 30 miles from the birthing center.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Revise language directing the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to implement certain requirements for free-standing birthing centers to direct instead that the department consider implementing such requirements.