
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 947 by Representative Nancy Landry

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 3, delete lines 6 through 9 in their entirety

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 3, at the beginning of line 10, change "F." to "E."

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 3, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

7 "F. Prior to providing any services, a licensed midwife shall obtain informed
 8 consent, in writing, of the patient in a manner and form prescribed by the board
 9 which shall include but not be limited to the following:

10 (1) The name and license number of the licensed midwife.

11 (2) The patient's name, address, telephone number, and the name of the
 12 patient's primary care provider if the patient has one.

13 (3) A statement that the licensed midwife is not an advanced practice
 14 registered nurse midwife or physician.

15 (4) A description of the education, training, continuing education, and
 16 experience of the licensed midwife.

17 (5) A description of the licensed midwife's philosophy of practice.

18 (6) A statement recognizing the obligation of the licensed midwife to provide
 19 the client, upon request, separate documents describing the law and regulations
 20 governing the practice of midwifery, including the requirement for an evaluation and
 21 examination by a physician, the protocol for transfer or mandatory transfer, and the
 22 licensed midwife's personal written practice guidelines.

23 (7) A description of the protocol for transfer to a hospital and disclosure of
 24 the hospital with which the licensed midwife has a current transfer agreement.

25 (8) A complete and accurate description of the services to be provided to the
 26 patient.

27 (9) Whether the licensed midwife maintains a professional liability policy
 28 and if insurance is maintained a description of the liability conditions and limits of
 29 such insurance.

30 (10) Any additional information or requirement which the board deems
 31 necessary to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the patient."

32 AMENDMENT NO. 4

33 On page 4, line 12, after "physician" and before "or" insert a comma "," and certified nurse
 34 midwife.

35 AMENDMENT NO. 5

36 On page 5, delete lines 18 through 23 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

37 "§3259. Reporting

38 A. Every licensed midwife shall report to the board semi-annually in a
 39 manner and form prescribed by the board. The report shall be submitted within the
 40 months of January and July of each year and shall include all of the following:

41 (1) The licensed midwife's name and license number.

- 1 (2) The calendar year being reported.
- 2 (3) The total number of clients served.
- 3 (4) The total number and parish of live births attended as a primary
- 4 caregiver.
- 5 (5) The total number and parish of stillbirths attended as a primary caregiver.
- 6 (6) The number of patients whose primary care was transferred to another
- 7 healthcare provider during the antepartum period, and the reason for each transfer.
- 8 (7) The number, reason, and outcome for each elective hospital transfer.
- 9 (8) The number, reason, and outcome for each emergency transport of an
- 10 expectant mother prior to labor.
- 11 (9) A brief description of any complications resulting in the mortality of a
- 12 mother or an infant.
- 13 (10) Any other information prescribed by the board through rule or
- 14 regulation.
- 15 B. A licensed midwife shall report within forty-eight hours to the board any
- 16 maternal, fetal, or neonatal mortality or morbidity in patients for whom care has been
- 17 given. The report shall include the sex, weight, date and place of delivery, method
- 18 of delivery, congenital anomalies of the fetus, and cause of death.
- 19 C. In addition to the penalties set forth in R.S. 37:3256, any licensed midwife
- 20 failing to satisfy the provisions of this Section shall be subject to a civil fine not to
- 21 exceed one hundred dollars each day the report is filed late. In no case shall the fine
- 22 exceed five hundred dollars."