

# **One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB374**

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**Chairperson: Senator Brian Hardin**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 05, 2025**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 374 creates licensure for Professional Midwives through the Licensed Midwives Practice Act.

No person shall engage in professional midwifery unless they are licensed under the act as determined by the Board of Licensed Midwives. The applicants for licensure shall apply to the department and show they are able to satisfy the requirements. The department will also establish and collect fees for initial licensure and renewal.

A licensed midwife may provide care that is consistent with national professional midwifery standards.

Health care providers shall not be liable for outcomes arising from actions of licensed midwives.

The Board of Licensed Midwives shall adopt rules and regulations that include the standards of practice of professional midwifery based on rules established by the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives and the North American Registry of Midwives or their successor organizations.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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