

AMENDMENTS TO LB676

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM655)

Introduced by Hansen, 16.

1 1. Strike sections 32 and 35 and insert the following new sections:

2 **Sec. 13.** Immediate newborn care means care that focuses on the  
3 newborn up to and including seven days after birth. Immediate newborn  
4 care includes, but is not limited to, the following:

5 (1) Routine assistance to the newborn to establish respiration and  
6 maintain thermal stability;

7 (2) Routine physical assessment including Apgar scoring;

8 (3) Vitamin K administration;

9 (4) Eye prophylaxis for ophthalmia neonatorum;

10 (5) Methods to facilitate newborn adaptation to extrauterine life,  
11 including stabilization, resuscitation, and emergency management as  
12 indicated; and

13 (6) Collecting and submitting blood specimens in accordance with  
14 section 71-519.

15 **Sec. 23.** Immediate newborn care means care that focuses on the  
16 newborn up to and including seven days after birth. Immediate newborn  
17 care includes, but is not limited to, the following:

18 (1) Routine assistance to the newborn to establish respiration and  
19 maintain thermal stability;

20 (2) Routine physical assessment including Apgar scoring;

21 (3) Vitamin K administration;

22 (4) Eye prophylaxis for ophthalmia neonatorum;

23 (5) Methods to facilitate newborn adaptation to extrauterine life,  
24 including stabilization, resuscitation, and emergency management as  
25 indicated; and

26 (6) Collecting and submitting blood specimens in accordance with

1 section 71-519.

2 **Sec. 34.** (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, a licensed  
3 professional midwife may practice professional midwifery at any location  
4 other than a hospital as defined in section 71-419 and shall not be  
5 required to practice under the supervision of or under a collaborative  
6 practice agreement with another health care provider.

7 (2) In order to be permitted to practice professional midwifery in a  
8 health care practitioner facility as defined in section 71-414 or a  
9 health clinic as defined in section 71-416, a licensed professional  
10 midwife shall be subject to the rules and procedures of the facility  
11 relating to medical staff membership and privileges.

12 **Sec. 37.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of section  
13 34 of this act, nothing in the Licensed Professional Midwives Practice  
14 Act shall abridge, limit, or change in any way the right of parents to  
15 deliver their baby where, when, how, and with whom they choose,  
16 regardless of credentialed status.

17 2. On page 8, lines 20 and 27, strike "section 11" and insert  
18 "sections 11 and 13".

19 3. On page 10, line 26, strike "for females"; in line 27 strike  
20 "immediately following birth"; and in line 28 after "age" insert ",  
21 except that in the case of a home birth, the practice of the certified  
22 nurse midwife relating to the newborn shall be limited to immediate  
23 newborn care".

24 4. On page 11, strike line 19 and show the old matter as stricken.

25 5. On page 15, line 12, strike "17 to 37" and insert "18 to 39"; and  
26 in line 16 strike "19 to 24" and insert "20 to 26".

27 6. On page 16, strike lines 21 through 25, and insert the following  
28 new subdivisions:

29 "(d)(i) Has successfully completed an educational program or pathway  
30 accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council, or a similar  
31 organization as approved by the board; or

1       (ii) Prior to January 1, 2026, has obtained a midwifery bridge  
2 certificate from the North American Registry of Midwives, or a similar  
3 organization as approved by the board.".

4       7. On page 17, strike beginning with "care" in line 14 through line  
5 15 and insert "immediate newborn care."; and after line 21 insert the  
6 following new subsection:

7       "(4) A licensed professional midwife shall annually report to the  
8 board:

9       (a) The number of births attended;

10       (b) The number of fetal demise, infant death, and maternal death  
11 outcomes;

12       (c) The number of women whose care was transferred to another health  
13 care professional during the antepartum period and the reasons for such  
14 transfers;

15       (d) The number of nonemergency hospital transfers, the reasons for  
16 such transfers, and the outcomes of such transfers; and

17       (e) Any complications resulting in the morbidity or mortality of a  
18 child bearing woman or neonate.".

19       8. On page 19, after line 25 insert the following new subdivision:

20       "(10) Requirements for a written recommendation with referrals to at  
21 least two licensed physicians or certified nurse midwives to be presented  
22 to clients;"; in line 26 strike "(10)" and insert "(11)"; in line 31  
23 strike "(11)" and insert "(12)"; and in line 29, after the comma insert  
24 "the level of the licensed professional midwife's liability insurance.".

25       9. On page 21, line 13, strike "40" and insert "42".

26       10. On page 23, line 20, strike "38-618, and 44-2803" and insert  
27 "and 38-618".

28       11. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.