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### Sectional Analysis – SB 156

*“An Act relating to direct-entry midwives.”*

**Section 1:** Conforming amendment to remove an exemption that Section 6 of the bill repeals relating to cultural traditions exclusions.

**Section 2:** Clarifies the Board’s authority to adopt regulations necessary for establishing practice requirements and guidelines.

**Section 3:** Adds the requirement of acting as primary or assistant midwife at 50 or more births as an additional requirement to supervise an apprentice midwife.

**Section 4:** Replaces the outdated required practices list with language directing the Board of Certified Direct-entry Midwives to regulate and update required practices.

**Section 5:** Updates the defines the practice of midwifery by including well-baby care for the infant through the age of four weeks, and preventative measures the infant.

**Section 6:** Repeals the cultural traditions exclusions allowing a person to practice midwifery for compensation without meeting the educational and practice requirements for licensing.