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Section 4: Replaces the outdated required practices list with language directing the Board of Certified Direct-entry Midwives to regulate and update required practices.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