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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 335

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to practice of midwifery; and pro-  
7 viding for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 \* Section 1. AS 08.64 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 08.64.385. PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY. (a) The practice of  
11 midwifery is not the practice of medicine or osteopathy.

12 (b) In this section

13 (1) "practice of midwifery" means giving education and  
14 advice concerning pregnancy; supervising, caring for, and advising  
15 women during pregnancy, labor, and the postpartum period; conducting  
16 deliveries without supervision; and caring for newborns and infants;  
17 and

18 (2) "caring for" means detecting abnormal conditions in  
19 mother and child, procuring medical help, executing emergency measures  
20 in the absence of medical help, and performing standard preventive  
21 measures against infant blindness.

22 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-  
23 10.070(c).