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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 335 am

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 who are less than four weeks old; 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. AS 08.64.385 is repealed.

23 * Sec. 3. Section 2 of this Act takes effect July 1, 1986.

24 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
25 10.070(c).