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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB1352

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Bill Title: Certified nurse midwives; licensed certified midwives; independent practice; organized medical staff.

Bill Summary: Permits licensed certified midwives who have completed 1,000 hours of practice under a practice agreement to practice without a practice agreement upon receipt of an attestation from the licensed physician or midwife with whom they entered into a practice agreement. The bill also permits certified nurse midwives and licensed certified midwives to enter into practice agreements with certified nurse midwives or licensed certified midwives who are authorized to practice independently. The bill directs the Department of Health to amend its regulations to clarify that an organized medical staff may include other practitioners, including independent practice midwives, in addition to physicians and dentists.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Explanation: Any fiscal impacts are minimal and can be absorbed with existing resources. This bill does not require that language changes be made to the proposed Appropriation Act.

Fiscal Summary: Any fiscal impacts resulting from this bill are minimal and can be absorbed within existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill requires that the Boards of Medicine and Nursing amend existing regulations relating to the practice of licensed certified nurse midwives, including specifying the conditions necessary for a licensed certified midwife to practice independently and the types of practitioners with whom a licensed certified midwife can enter into a practice. The bill also requires that the Department of Health/the Board of Health (see "Other" for more details) amend existing regulations relating to the definition of "organized medical staff." The Board of Medicine, the Board of Nursing, and the Board of Health may experience minimal cost impacts associated with amending existing regulations and/or promulgating new regulations. It is expected that any such impacts can be absorbed with existing resources.

Other: There is a technical language change needed for the accurate assignation of responsibilities included in this bill. The Board of Health, not the Department of Health, is responsible for amending and promulgating regulations such as those outlined in Section 2 of the bill. On line 200, please strike the word "Department" and replace it with the word "Board".

SB 1352 is a companion bill to HB 1635.