

SENATE BILL REPORT

EHB 2186

As of February 14, 2012

Title: An act relating to improving the ability of licensed midwives to work with registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

Brief Description: Concerning licensed midwives ability to work with registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

Sponsors: Representatives Bailey, Cody, Schmick, Darneille, Ahern, Green, Kelley and Kenney.

Brief History: Passed House: 1/27/12, 95-0.

Committee Activity: Health & Long-Term Care: 2/15/12.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

Staff: Veronica Warnock (786-7490)

Background: A registered nurse may execute a prescribed medical regimen and administer medications, treatments, tests, and inoculations at or under the general direction of a licensed physician and surgeon; dentist; osteopathic physician and surgeon; physician assistant; osteopathic physician assistant; podiatric physician and surgeon; or advanced registered nurse practitioner. A registered nurse may also administer medications, treatments, tests, and inoculations at or under the general direction of a naturopathic physician or an optometrist.

A licensed practical nurse may carry out selected aspects of the nursing regimen and administer drugs, medications, treatments, tests, injections, and inoculation under the direction and supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon; dentist; osteopathic physician and surgeon; physician assistant; osteopathic physician assistant; podiatric physician and surgeon; naturopathic physician; advanced registered nurse practitioner; or registered nurse.

A licensed midwife renders medical aid to a woman during prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum stages and must consult with a physician whenever there are significant deviations from normal in either the mother or the infant.

Summary of Bill: A registered nurse may execute a medical regimen and administer medications, treatments, tests, and inoculation as directed by a licensed midwife. A licensed practical nurse may carry out selected aspects of the nursing regimen practice and administer

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drugs, medications, treatments, tests, injections, and inoculations under the direction and supervision of a licensed midwife.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.