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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1773**

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**By** House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Morrell, Rodne, Cody, Green, Ryu, Lias, Farrell, and Santos)

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1            AN ACT Relating to the practice of midwifery; and amending RCW  
2 18.50.010, 18.50.065, and 18.50.102.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.50.010 and 1991 c 3 s 103 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            Any person shall be regarded as practicing midwifery within the  
7 meaning of this chapter who shall render medical aid for a fee or  
8 compensation to a woman during prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum  
9 stages or to her infant up to two weeks of age or who shall advertise  
10 as a midwife by signs, printed cards, or otherwise. Nothing shall be  
11 construed in this chapter to prohibit gratuitous services. It shall be  
12 the duty of a midwife to consult with a physician whenever there are  
13 significant deviations from normal in either the mother or the infant.

14            **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.50.065 and 1991 c 332 s 32 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16            (1) An applicant holding a credential in another state may be  
17 credentialed to practice in this state without examination if the

1 secretary determines that the other state's credentialing standards are  
2 substantially equivalent to the standards in this state.

3 (2) The secretary shall write rules to bridge the gap between  
4 requirements of national certification of certified professional  
5 midwives and state requirements for licensure for licensed midwives.

6 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.50.102 and 1996 c 191 s 25 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 ~~((Every person licensed to practice midwifery shall register with~~  
9 ~~the secretary and pay a renewal fee))~~ (1) A licensed midwife must renew  
10 his or her license according to the following requirements:

11 (a) Completion of a minimum of thirty hours of continuing  
12 education, approved by the secretary, every three years; and

13 (b) Fees determined by the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250  
14 and 43.70.280.

15 (2) The secretary shall write rules regarding the renewal  
16 requirements.

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