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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE REGISTRATION OF  
102 DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,  
103 IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE  
104 2020 SUNSET REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY  
105 AGENCIES.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Sunset Process - Senate Health and Human Services Committee.** The bill implements the recommendations of the department

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

of regulatory agencies' sunset review and report on the registration of direct-entry midwives by:

- Continuing the registration requirements for 7 years, until September 1, 2028 (**sections 1 and 2** of the bill);
- Authorizing direct-entry midwives to administer group B streptococcus (GBS) prophylaxis (**section 5**);
- Adding licensed birth centers to the locations where a direct-entry midwife may practice (**section 3**); and
- Requiring the director of the division of professions and occupations to develop policies regarding direct-entry midwives in training (**section 6**).

The bill also:

- Specifies that a direct-entry midwife who is granted additional authority is not required to apply for renewal of that authority or pay any renewal fees for the authority (**section 5**); and
- Removes the requirement that a direct-entry midwife report certain data at the time of registration renewal (**section 4**).

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**  
3 (21)(a)(VII); and **add** (29)(a)(XIII) as follows:

4 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
5 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
6 **declaration - repeal.** (21) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
7 will repeal on September 1, 2021:

8 ~~(VII) The registration of direct-entry midwives by the division of~~  
9 ~~professions and occupations in accordance with article 225 of title 12;~~

10 (29) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled  
11 for repeal on September 1, 2028:

12 (XIII) THE REGISTRATION OF DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES BY THE  
13 DIVISION OF PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
14 ARTICLE 225 OF TITLE 12.

15 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-225-114

1 as follows:

2 **12-225-114. Repeal of article - subject to review.** This article  
3 225 is repealed, effective September 1, ~~2021~~ 2028. Before the repeal, the  
4 registering of direct-entry midwives by the division is scheduled for  
5 review in accordance with section 24-34-104.

6 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-225-103, **amend**  
7 (1) and (3); and **add** (1.5) as follows:

8 **12-225-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 225, unless the  
9 context otherwise requires:

10 (1) ~~"Client" means a pregnant woman for whom a direct-entry~~  
11 ~~midwife performs services. For purposes of perinatal or postpartum care,~~  
12 ~~"client" includes the woman's newborn.~~ "BIRTH CENTER" MEANS A  
13 FREESTANDING FACILITY LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
14 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT THAT:

15 (a) IS NOT A HOSPITAL, ATTACHED TO A HOSPITAL, OR LOCATED IN  
16 A HOSPITAL;

17 (b) PROVIDES PRENATAL, LABOR, DELIVERY, AND POSTPARTUM  
18 CARE TO LOW-RISK PREGNANT PERSONS AND NEWBORNS; AND

19 (c) PROVIDES CARE DURING DELIVERY AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
20 DELIVERY THAT IS GENERALLY LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN  
21 DURATION.

22 (1.5) "CLIENT" MEANS A PREGNANT WOMAN FOR WHOM A  
23 DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFE PERFORMS SERVICES. FOR PURPOSES OF  
24 PERINATAL OR POSTPARTUM CARE, "CLIENT" INCLUDES THE WOMAN'S  
25 NEWBORN.

26 (3) "Direct-entry midwifery" or "practice of direct-entry  
27 midwifery" means the advising, attending, or assisting of a woman during

1 pregnancy, labor and natural childbirth at home OR AT A BIRTH CENTER,  
2 and the postpartum period in accordance with this article 225.

3 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-225-106, **repeal**  
4 (12) as follows:

5 **12-225-106. Prohibited acts - practice standards - informed**  
6 **consent - emergency plan - risk assessment - referral - rules.** (12) ~~At~~  
7 ~~the time of renewal of a registration, each registrant shall submit the~~  
8 ~~following data in the form and manner required by the director:~~

9 ~~(a) The number of women to whom care was provided since the~~  
10 ~~previous registration;~~

11 ~~(b) The number of deliveries performed;~~

12 ~~(c) The Apgar scores of delivered infants, in groupings established~~  
13 ~~by the director;~~

14 ~~(d) The number of prenatal transfers;~~

15 ~~(e) The number of transfers during labor, delivery, and~~  
16 ~~immediately following birth;~~

17 ~~(f) Any perinatal deaths, including the cause of death and a~~  
18 ~~description of the circumstances; and~~

19 ~~(g) Other morbidity statistics as required by the director.~~

20 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-225-107, **amend**  
21 (2)(d), (2)(e), and (6)(b); and **add** (2)(f), (7), and (8) as follows:

22 **12-225-107. Limited use of certain medications - limited use of**  
23 **sutures - limited administration of intravenous fluids - emergency**  
24 **medical procedures - rules.** (2) Except as otherwise provided in  
25 subsection (3) of this section, a registrant may obtain and administer:

26 (d) Eye prophylaxis; ~~and~~

27 (e) Local anesthetics, as specified by the director by rule, to use

1 in accordance with subsection (6) of this section; AND

2 (f) GROUP B STREPTOCOCCUS (GBS) PROPHYLAXIS, SUBJECT TO  
3 THE LIMITATIONS IN SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION.

4 (6) (b) In order to perform sutures of first-degree and  
5 second-degree perineal tears, the registrant shall apply to the director, in  
6 the form and manner required by the director, and pay any application fee  
7 the director may impose, for an authorization to perform sutures of  
8 first-degree and second-degree perineal tears. As part of the application,  
9 the registrant shall demonstrate to the director that the registrant has  
10 received education and training approved by the director on suturing of  
11 perineal tears within the year immediately preceding the date of the  
12 application or within such other time the director, by rule, determines to  
13 be appropriate. The director may grant the authorization to the registrant  
14 only if the registrant has complied with the education and training  
15 requirement specified in this subsection (6)(b). ~~An authorization issued  
16 under this subsection (6)(b) is valid, and need not be renewed, if the  
17 direct-entry midwife holds a valid registration under this article 225.~~

18 (7) A REGISTERED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFE WHO WAS INITIALLY  
19 REGISTERED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2000, MUST APPLY TO THE DIRECTOR  
20 AND PAY ANY APPLICABLE FEES BEFORE OBTAINING OR ADMINISTERING  
21 GROUP B STREPTOCOCCUS (GBS) PROPHYLAXIS AS PART OF THE  
22 REGISTRANT'S PRACTICE OF DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY. THE DIRECTOR  
23 SHALL VERIFY THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A REGISTRANT APPLYING  
24 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (7) BEFORE GRANTING THE REGISTRANT  
25 THE AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN AND ADMINISTER GROUP B STREPTOCOCCUS  
26 (GBS) PROPHYLAXIS.

27 (8) A REGISTRANT WHO IS GRANTED AUTHORITY TO ACT PURSUANT

1 TO THIS SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR RENEWAL OF THE  
2 AUTHORITY OR PAY ANY RENEWAL FEES PERTAINING TO THE AUTHORITY  
3 GRANTED IN THIS SECTION.

4 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-225-108, **add**  
5 (1)(g) as follows:

6 **12-225-108. Director - powers and duties - rules.** (1) In  
7 addition to any other powers and duties conferred on the director by law,  
8 the director has the following powers and duties:

9 (g) TO DEVELOP POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS, BY RULE, FOR  
10 DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES IN TRAINING THAT REFLECT THE REQUIREMENTS  
11 OF THE NORTH AMERICAN REGISTRY OF MIDWIVES, OR ITS SUCCESSOR  
12 ORGANIZATION.

13 **SECTION 7. Effective date.** This act takes effect September 1,  
14 2021.

15 **SECTION 8. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
16 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.