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AN ACT

To repeal sections 191.331, 193.085, 334.010, 334.120, and 334.260, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof fourteen new sections relating to midwifery, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 191.331, 193.085, 334.010, 334.120, and 334.260, RSMo, are
2 repealed and fourteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 191.331,
3 193.085, 324.1400, 324.1403, 324.1406, 324.1409, 324.1412, 324.1415, 324.1418, 324.1421,
4 324.1424, 324.1427, 334.010, and 334.120, to read as follows:

191.331. 1. Every infant who is born in this state shall be tested for phenylketonuria and
2 such other metabolic or genetic diseases as are prescribed by the department. The test used by
3 the department shall be dictated by accepted medical practice and such tests shall be of the types
4 approved by the department. All newborn screening tests required by the department shall be
5 performed by the department of health and senior services laboratories. The attending physician,
6 **licensed midwife, certified professional midwife**, certified nurse midwife, public health
7 facility, ambulatory surgical center or hospital shall assure that appropriate specimens are
8 collected and submitted to the department of health and senior services laboratories.

9 2. All physicians, **licensed midwives, certified professional midwives**, certified nurse
10 midwives, public health nurses and administrators of ambulatory surgical centers or hospitals
11 shall report to the department all diagnosed cases of phenylketonuria and other metabolic or
12 genetic diseases as designated by the department. The department shall prescribe and furnish
13 all necessary reporting forms.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

14 3. The department shall develop and institute educational programs concerning
15 phenylketonuria and other metabolic and genetic diseases and assist parents, physicians, hospitals
16 and public health nurses in the management and basic treatment of these diseases.

17 4. The provisions of this section shall not apply if the parents of such child object to the
18 tests or examinations provided in this section on the grounds that such tests or examinations
19 conflict with their religious tenets and practices.

20 5. As provided in subsection 4 of this section, the parents of any child who fail to have
21 such test or examination administered after notice of the requirement for such test or examination
22 shall be required to document in writing such refusal. All physicians, **licensed midwives,**
23 **certified professional midwives,** certified nurse midwives, public health nurses and
24 administrators of ambulatory surgical centers or hospitals shall provide to the parents or
25 guardians a written packet of educational information developed and supplied by the department
26 of health and senior services describing the type of specimen, how it is obtained, the nature of
27 diseases being screened, and the consequences of treatment and nontreatment. The attending
28 physician, **licensed midwife, certified professional midwife,** certified nurse midwife, public
29 health facility, ambulatory surgical center or hospital shall obtain the written refusal and make
30 such refusal part of the medical record of the infant.

31 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 192.015 to the contrary, the department
32 may, by rule, annually determine and impose a reasonable fee for each newborn screening test
33 made in any of its laboratories. The department may collect the fee from any entity or individual
34 described in subsection 1 of this section in a form and manner established by the department.
35 Such fee shall be considered as a cost payable to such entity by a health care third-party payer,
36 including, but not limited to, a health insurer operating pursuant to chapter 376, a domestic
37 health services corporation or health maintenance organization operating pursuant to chapter 354,
38 and a governmental or entitlement program operating pursuant to state law. Such fee shall not
39 be considered as part of the internal laboratory costs of the persons and entities described in
40 subsection 1 of this section by such health care third-party payers. No individual shall be denied
41 screening because of inability to pay. Such fees shall be deposited in a separate account in the
42 public health services fund created in section 192.900, and funds in such account shall be used
43 for the support of the newborn screening program and activities related to the screening,
44 diagnosis, and treatment, including special dietary products, of persons with metabolic and
45 genetic diseases; and follow-up activities that ensure that diagnostic evaluation, treatment and
46 management is available and accessible once an at-risk family is identified through initial
47 screening; and for no other purpose. These programs may include education in these areas and
48 the development of new programs related to these diseases.

49 7. Subject to appropriations provided for formula for the treatment of inherited diseases
50 of amino acids and organic acids, the department shall provide such formula to persons with
51 inherited diseases of amino acids and organic acids subject to the conditions described in this
52 subsection. State assistance pursuant to this subsection shall be available to an applicant only
53 after the applicant has shown that the applicant has exhausted all benefits from third-party
54 payers, including, but not limited to, health insurers, domestic health services corporations,
55 health maintenance organizations, Medicare, Medicaid and other government assistance
56 programs.

57 8. Assistance under subsection 7 of this section shall be provided to the following:

58 (1) Applicants ages birth to five years old meeting the qualifications under subsection
59 7 of this section;

60 (2) Applicants between the ages of six to eighteen meeting the qualifications under
61 subsection 7 of this section and whose family income is below three hundred percent of the
62 federal poverty level;

63 (3) Applicants between the ages of six to eighteen meeting the qualifications under
64 subsection 7 of this section and whose family income is at three hundred percent of the federal
65 poverty level or above. For these applicants, the department shall establish a sliding scale of fees
66 and monthly premiums to be paid in order to receive assistance under subsection 7 of this
67 section; and

68 (4) Applicants age nineteen and above meeting the qualifications under subsection 7 of
69 this section and who are eligible under an income-based means test established by the department
70 to determine eligibility for the assistance under subsection 7 of this section.

71 9. The department shall have authority over the use, retention, and disposal of biological
72 specimens and all related information collected in connection with newborn screening tests
73 conducted under subsection 1 of this section. The use of such specimens and related information
74 shall only be made for public health purposes and shall comply with all applicable provisions of
75 federal law. The department may charge a reasonable fee for the use of such specimens for
76 public health research and preparing and supplying specimens for research proposals approved
77 by the department.

193.085. 1. A certificate of birth for each live birth which occurs in this state shall be
2 filed with the local registrar, or as otherwise directed by the state registrar, within five days after
3 such birth and shall be registered if such certificate has been completed and filed pursuant to the
4 provisions of this section.

5 2. When a birth occurs in an institution or en route to an institution, the person in charge
6 of the institution or such person's designated representative shall obtain the personal data,
7 prepare the certificate, certify that the child was born alive at the place and time and on the date

8 stated either by signature or an electronic process approved by the department, and file the
9 certificate pursuant to this section or as otherwise directed by the state registrar within the
10 required five days. The physician, **licensed midwife, certified professional midwife, certified**
11 **nurse midwife**, or other person in attendance shall provide the medical information required by
12 the certificate and certify to the facts of birth within five days after the birth. If the physician,
13 **licensed midwife, certified professional midwife, certified nurse midwife**, or other person in
14 attendance does not certify to the facts of birth within the five-day period, the person in charge
15 of the institution shall complete the certificate.

16 3. When a birth occurs outside an institution, the certificate shall be prepared and filed
17 by one of the following in the indicated order of priority:

18 (1) The physician, **licensed midwife, certified processional midwife, or certified**
19 **nurse midwife** in attendance at or immediately after the birth;

20 (2) Any other person in attendance at or immediately after the birth;

21 (3) The father, the mother, or, in the absence of the father and the inability of the mother,
22 the person in charge of the premises where the birth occurred.

23 4. **Certificates of birth or reports of fetal deaths filed by a midwife licensed in this**
24 **state who signs as the certifier of the certificate of birth shall not require signatures of a**
25 **notary or any other witnesses. The attendant and certifier title section on the birth**
26 **certificate shall include a checkbox for "Certified Professional Midwife" or "C.P.M." and**
27 **"Licensed Midwife" or "L. M."**.

28 5. When a birth occurs on a moving conveyance within the United States and the child
29 is first removed from the conveyance in this state, the birth shall be registered in this state and
30 such place shall be considered the place of birth. When a birth occurs on a moving conveyance
31 while in international waters or air space or in a foreign country or its air space and the child is
32 first removed from the conveyance in this state, the birth shall be registered in this state but the
33 certificate shall show the actual place of birth insofar as can be determined.

34 [5.] 6. If the mother was married at the time of either conception or birth, or between
35 conception and birth, the name of the husband shall be entered on the certificate as the father of
36 the child, unless:

37 (1) Paternity has been determined otherwise by a court of competent jurisdiction; or

38 (2) The mother executes an affidavit attesting that the husband is not the father and the
39 putative father is the father, and the putative father executes an affidavit attesting that he is the
40 father, and the husband executes an affidavit attesting that he is not the father. If such affidavits
41 are executed, the putative father shall be shown as the father on the birth certificate and the
42 signed acknowledgment of paternity shall be considered a legal finding of paternity. The
43 affidavits shall be as provided for in section 193.215.

44 [6.] 7. In any case in which paternity of a child is determined by a court of competent
45 jurisdiction, the name of the father and surname of the child shall be entered on the certificate
46 of birth pursuant to the finding and order of the court.

47 [7.] 8. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if a child is born to unmarried
48 parents, the name of the father and other required information shall be entered on the certificate
49 of birth only if an acknowledgment of paternity pursuant to section 193.215 is completed, or if
50 paternity is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or by an administrative order of the
51 family support division.

52 [8.] 9. If the father is not named on the certificate of birth, no other information about
53 the father shall be entered on the certificate.

54 [9.] 10. The birth certificate of a child born to a married woman as a result of artificial
55 insemination, with consent of her husband, shall be completed pursuant to the provisions of
56 subsection [5] 6 of this section.

57 [10.] 11. Either of the parents of the child, or other informant, shall attest to the accuracy
58 of the personal data entered on the certificate in time to permit the filing of the certificate within
59 the required five days.

**324.1400. As used in sections 191.331, 193.085, and 324.1400 to 324.1427, the
2 following terms shall mean:**

- 3 (1) "Antepartum", before birth;
- 4 (2) "Board", the board of professional midwives;
- 5 (3) "Client", a person who retains the services of a professional midwife;
- 6 (4) "Professional midwife", any person who is certified by the North American
7 Registry of Midwives (NARM) as a certified professional midwife (CPM) and provides for
8 compensation those skills relevant to the care of women and infants in the antepartum,
9 intrapartum, and postpartum period or a licensed midwife under section 324.1403;
- 10 (5) "Division", the division of professional registration within the department of
11 insurance, financial institutions and professional registration;
- 12 (6) "Intrapartum", during birth;
- 13 (7) "Postpartum", after birth;
- 14 (8) "Practice of midwifery", the science and art of examination, evaluation,
15 assessment, counseling and treatment of women and infants in the antepartum,
16 intrapartum, and postpartum period by those methods commonly taught in any midwifery
17 school, or midwifery program in a university or college, which has been accredited by the
18 Midwifery Education Accreditation Council, its successor entity, or approved by the board,
19 including identifying and referring women who require obstetrical or other professional
20 care. The practice of professional midwifery shall not include the use of operative surgery

21 nor the prescribing of drugs. The practice of professional midwifery, as defined in this
22 subdivision, is declared:

23 (a) Not to be the practice of medicine or osteopathy within the meaning of chapter
24 334 and not subject to the provisions of chapter 334; and

25 (b) Not to be the practice of nurse-midwifery or nursing within the meaning of
26 chapter 335 and not subject to the provisions of chapter 335.

324.1403. 1. There is hereby created and established within the division of
2 professional registration the "Board of Midwifery" which consists of six members
3 appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Each member shall
4 be a United States citizen and resident of this state for at least one year immediately
5 preceding his or her appointment. Of the six members, one member shall be a public
6 member and five members shall be licensed midwives who attend births in homes or other
7 out-of-hospital settings; provided that, the initial midwife members appointed need not be
8 licensed at the time of appointment if they are certified professional midwives currently
9 certified by the North American Registry of Midwives.

10 2. The initial appointments to the board shall be two members for a term of one
11 year, two members for a term of two years, and two members for a term of three years.
12 After the initial terms, each member shall serve a three-year term. No member of the
13 board shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. All successor members shall
14 be appointed for three-year terms. All members shall serve until their successors have
15 been appointed and qualified. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the board for any
16 reason shall be filled by appointment by the governor for the unexpired term.

17 3. The public member shall not derive a financial benefit from or be a member of
18 any profession regulated by chapter 334 or 335, or under sections 324.1400 to 324.1427, or
19 be the spouse or immediate family member of such person. The public member is subject
20 to the provisions of section 324.028.

21 4. The board may sue and be sued in its own name and its members need not be
22 named parties. Members of the board shall not be personally liable, either jointly or
23 severally, for any act or omission which constitutes willful or wanton conduct or the failure
24 to exercise ordinary care in the performance of their official duties as board members. No
25 board member shall be personally liable for any court costs which accrue in any action by
26 or against the board.

27 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any appointed
28 member of the board shall receive as compensation an amount established by the director
29 of the division of professional registration not to exceed fifty dollars per day for board
30 business plus actual and necessary expenses.

31 **6. The board shall hold an annual meeting at which time it shall elect from its**
32 **membership a chairperson and vice chairperson. The board may hold such additional**
33 **meetings as may be required in the performance of its duties. A quorum of the board shall**
34 **consist of a majority of its members.**

35 **7. In accordance with section 324.016, sections 324.1400 to 324.1427 shall not**
36 **become effective and shall not be enforced unless and until such expenditures and**
37 **personnel are specifically appropriated and appointed sufficient to conduct the business**
38 **required thereunder and the initial rules filed, if appropriate, have become effective.**

324.1406. 1. Applications for licensure as a licensed midwife shall be in writing and
2 **submitted to the board on forms prescribed by the board and furnished to the applicant.**
3 **Each application shall contain a statement that it is made under oath or affirmation and**
4 **that the information contained therein is true and correct to the best knowledge and belief**
5 **of the applicant, subject to the penalties provided for the making of a false affidavit or**
6 **declaration. Each application shall be accompanied by the fees required by the board.**

7 **2. Each applicant for licensure shall:**

8 **(1) Present evidence of current certification by the North American Registry of**
9 **Midwives (NARM) as a certified professional midwife (CPM);**

10 **(2) Present evidence of current certification in basic life support (BLS) for health**
11 **care providers and neonatal resuscitation; and**

12 **(3) Comply with the written disclosure requirement under subsection 1 of section**
13 **324.1415.**

14 **3. (1) The division shall mail a renewal notice to the last known address of each**
15 **licensee prior to the renewal date. Failure to provide the board with the information**
16 **required for renewal or to pay the renewal fee after such notice shall result in the license**
17 **expiring. The license shall be reinstated if, within two years of the renewal date, the**
18 **applicant submits the required documentation and pays the applicable fees as approved**
19 **by the board.**

20 **(2) Each license issued under this section shall expire three years after the date of**
21 **its issuance. Each applicant for renewal shall submit:**

22 **(a) Evidence of attendance at a minimum of ten hours per year of continuing**
23 **education in midwifery or related fields;**

24 **(b) Evidence of attendance at a minimum of three hours per year of peer review;**

25 **(c) Evidence of current certification in basic life support (BLS) for health care**
26 **providers and neonatal resuscitation; and**

27 **(d) The renewal fee set by the board.**

28 (3) The board may refuse to issue or renew any certificate of registration or
29 authority, permit, or license required under this chapter for one or any combination of
30 causes stated in subsection 4 of this section. The board shall notify the applicant in writing
31 of the reasons for the refusal and shall advise the applicant of the applicant's right to file
32 a complaint with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621. As
33 an alternative to a refusal to issue or renew any certificate, registration, or authority, the
34 board may, at its discretion, issue a license which is subject to probation, restriction, or
35 limitation to an applicant for licensure for any one or any combination of causes stated in
36 subsection 4 of this section. The board's order of probation, limitation, or restriction shall
37 contain a statement of the discipline imposed, the basis therefor, the date such action shall
38 become effective, and a statement that the applicant has thirty days to request in writing
39 a hearing before the administrative hearing commission. If the board issues a
40 probationary, limited, or restricted license to an applicant for licensure, either party may
41 file a written petition with the administrative hearing commission within thirty days of the
42 effective date of the probationary, limited, or restricted license seeking review of the
43 board's determination. If no written request for a hearing is received by the administrative
44 hearing commission within the thirty-day period, the right to seek review of the board's
45 decision shall be considered as waived.

46 (4) The board may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing
47 commission as provided by chapter 621 against any holder of any certificate of registration
48 or authority, permit, or license required by this chapter or any person who has failed to
49 renew or has surrendered the person's certificate of registration or authority, permit, or
50 license for any one or any combination of the following causes:

51 (a) Having an unpaid judgment resulting from providing professional midwifery
52 services;

53 (b) Procuring or attempting to procure a license under sections 324.1400 to
54 324.1427 by making a false statement, submitting false information, refusing to provide
55 complete information in response to a question in an application for licensure, or through
56 any form of fraud or misrepresentation;

57 (c) Failing to meet the minimum qualifications for licensure or renewal established
58 by sections 324.1400 to 324.1427;

59 (d) Paying money or other valuable consideration, other than as provided for by
60 sections 324.1400 to 324.1427, to any member or employee of the board to procure a license
61 under sections 324.1400 to 324.1427;

62 (e) Incompetency, misconduct, negligence, dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation
63 in the performance of the functions or duties of any profession licensed or regulated by
64 sections 324.1400 to 324.1427;

65 (f) Violating, assisting, or enabling any person to willfully disregard any of the
66 provisions of sections 324.1400 to 324.1427 or the rules of the board for the administration
67 and enforcement of the provisions of sections 324.1400 to 324.1427;

68 (g) Violating any term or condition of a license issued by the board under the
69 authority of sections 324.1400 to 324.1427;

70 (h) Obtaining or attempting to obtain any fee, charge, tuition, or other
71 compensation by fraud, deception, or misrepresentation;

72 (i) Using of any advertisement or solicitation which is false, misleading, or deceptive
73 to the general public or persons to whom the advertisement or solicitation is primarily
74 directed.

75 (5) After the filing of such complaint before the administrative hearing commission,
76 the proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 621. Upon
77 a finding by the administrative hearing commission that the grounds provided in
78 subsection 4 of this section for disciplinary action are met, the board may, singly or in
79 combination:

80 (a) Warn, censure, or place the person named in the complaint on probation on
81 such terms and conditions as the board deems appropriate for a period not to exceed ten
82 years;

83 (b) Suspend the person's license, certificate, or permit for a period not to exceed
84 three years;

85 (c) Restrict or limit the person's license, certificate, or permit for an indefinite
86 period of time;

87 (d) Revoke the person's license, certificate, or permit;

88 (e) Administer a public or private reprimand;

89 (f) Deny the person's application for a license;

90 (g) Permanently withhold issuance of a license;

91 (h) Require the person to submit to the care, counseling, or treatment of physicians
92 designated by the board at the expense of the individual to be examined;

93 (i) Require the person to attend such continuing educational courses and pass such
94 examinations as the board may direct.

95 (6) The division may promulgate rules necessary to implement the administration
96 of sections 324.1400 to 324.1427. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in
97 section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become

98 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,
99 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any
100 of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay
101 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
102 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted
103 after August 28, 2014, shall be invalid and void.

324.1409. 1. The board shall have the following powers and duties and may adopt
2 rules in accordance with the provisions of chapter 536 to establish:

3 (1) Application processes and administrative procedures for processing
4 applications and issuing midwife licenses and for conducting disciplinary proceedings
5 under sections 324.1400 to 324.1427;

6 (2) A process for ensuring individual licensed midwife practice guidelines remain
7 consistent with standards regarding the practice of midwifery established by the North
8 American Registry of Midwives and the National Association of Certified Professional
9 Midwives, or successor organizations whose essential documents include without limitation
10 subject matter concerning scope of practice, standards of practice, informed consent
11 including grievance mechanism, appropriate consultation, collaboration or referral,
12 including the development of collaborative relationships with other health care
13 practitioners who can provide care outside the scope of midwifery practice when necessary
14 including emergent and nonemergent care; and

15 (3) Reasonable rules as deemed necessary or desirable by the board to carry out
16 and enforce the provisions of sections 324.1400 to 324.1427.

17 2. The board shall:

18 (1) Investigate to verify such applicant's qualifications. If the results of the
19 investigation are satisfactory to the board and the applicant is otherwise qualified, the
20 board shall issue to the applicant a license authorizing the applicant to act as a professional
21 midwife in Missouri;

22 (2) Set the amount of fees authorized by sections 324.1400 to 324.1427 and required
23 by rules promulgated under chapter 536. The fees shall be set at a level to produce revenue
24 that does not substantially exceed the cost and expense of administering sections 324.1400
25 to 324.1427; and

26 (3) Perform such other functions and duties as may be necessary to carry out the
27 provisions of sections 324.1400 to 324.1427.

28 3. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
29 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it
30 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,

31 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers
32 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
33 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the
34 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2014,
35 shall be invalid and void.

324.1412. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Board of Midwifery
2 Fund", which shall consist of money collected under sections 324.1400 to 324.1427. The
3 state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and
4 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund
5 and, upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of
6 sections 324.1400 to 324.1427.

7 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, to the contrary, any moneys
8 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the
9 general revenue fund until the amount in the fund at the end of the biennium exceeds three
10 times the amount of the appropriation from the fund for the preceding fiscal year.

11 3. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other
12 funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited
13 to the fund.

324.1415. 1. Every licensed midwife shall present a written disclosure statement
2 to each client which shall be signed by the client and kept with the client's records, and
3 shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

4 (1) A description of midwifery education and related training;

5 (2) Licensure as a midwife, including the effective dates of the licensure;

6 (3) The benefits and risks associated with childbirth in the setting selected by the
7 client;

8 (4) A statement concerning the licensed midwife's arrangement with other health
9 care professionals, including licensed physicians;

10 (5) A statement concerning the licensed midwife's malpractice or liability insurance
11 coverage; and

12 (6) A written plan specific to the client for obtaining medical care when necessary,
13 which shall include the name and phone number of the hospital or other health care facility
14 to which the midwife intends to transfer in an emergency.

15 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, a licensed midwife or certified
16 professional midwife providing a service of midwifery shall not be deemed to be engaged
17 in the practice of medicine, nursing, nurse-midwifery, or any other medical or healing
18 practice.

19 **3. Nothing in sections 324.1400 to 324.1427 shall be construed to apply to a person**
20 **who provides information and support in preparation for labor and delivery and assists**
21 **in the delivery of an infant if such person does not do the following:**

22 **(1) Advertise as a midwife or as a provider of midwife services;**

23 **(2) Accept compensation for midwife services; and**

24 **(3) Use any words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the person is a midwife.**

25 **5. A person who is a member of a recognized religious sect or division, as defined**
26 **in 26 U.S.C. Section 1402(g), by reason of which they are conscientiously opposed to**
27 **acceptance of benefits of any public or private insurance which makes payments in the**
28 **event of death, disability, old age, or retirement, or makes payments toward the cost of or**
29 **provides services for medical bills, including benefits of any insurance system established**
30 **under the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 301, et seq., shall not be subject to**
31 **the provisions of sections 324.1400 to 324.1427.**

32 **6. Nothing in sections 324.1400 to 324.1472 shall be construed to:**

33 **(1) Prohibit the attendance at birth of the mother's choice of family, friends,**
34 **uncompensated labor support attendants, or professional doulas; or**

35 **(2) Prevent a student who is enrolled or participating in a midwifery education**
36 **program or who is enrolled or participating in a program of supervised clinical training**
37 **from engaging in the practice of midwifery in this state as part of his or her course of**
38 **study, provided:**

39 **(a) Such services are performed under the supervision of a person authorized in**
40 **this state to perform services under state law; and**

41 **(b) The client is informed of the student's status and consents to receiving services**
42 **from the student.**

43 **7. The provisions of sections 324.1400 to 324.1427 shall be remedial and curative**
44 **in nature.**

45 **8. No physician, nurse, emergency medical technician, hospital, or agents thereof,**
46 **providing medical care or treatment for a woman or infant arising during childbirth as a**
47 **consequence of the care received by a licensed midwife shall be liable for any civil damages**
48 **for any act or omission resulting from the rendering of such services unless such act or**
49 **omission was the result of negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the physician,**
50 **nurse, emergency medical technician, hospital, or agents thereof.**

51 **9. No physician, nurse, emergency medical technician, hospital, other midwife, or**
52 **agents thereof, providing medical care or treatment for a woman or infant arising during**
53 **childbirth as a consequence of the care received by a licensed midwife shall be liable for**
54 **any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from the rendering of such care unless**

55 such act or omission was the result of negligence or willful misconduct or the failure to
56 exercise ordinary care on the part of the physician, nurse, emergency medical technician,
57 hospital, other midwife, or agents thereof.

58 **10. A licensed health care provider or facility shall not be subject to discipline for**
59 **assisting, enabling, aiding, procuring, advising or encouraging any person licensed to**
60 **practice midwifery if such person is practicing within the confines of sections 324.1400 to**
61 **324.1427.**

62 **11. Licensed midwives shall be reimbursed for pregnancy, childbirth, and newborn**
63 **services under the MO HealthNet program at the same compensation rate as physicians.**

64 **12. No person shall be denied coverage by any private or public insurance program**
65 **solely on the basis that the person is planning or has had a home birth.**

66 **13. A licensed midwife shall be entitled to practice any profession or professions to**
67 **which such midwife is licensed to practice. Conflicts shall be resolved consistent with this**
68 **section.**

69 **14. A licensed midwife may serve as administrator and attend and be responsible**
70 **for antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum clients in a birth center licensed under**
71 **chapter 197.**

324.1418. The department of health and senior services shall maintain and publish
2 **on its website prospective statistics on delivery outcomes for all live births and fetal deaths**
3 **occurring in this state and sorted by provider distinction, and shall include:**

4 **(1) Mortality statistics for:**

5 **(a) Maternal deaths from pregnancy to the first one-year postpartum; and**

6 **(b) Fetal/neonatal:**

7 **a. Deaths after twenty weeks gestation;**

8 **b. Intrapartum deaths; and**

9 **c. Deaths from birth to twenty-seven days; and**

10 **(2) Maternal incidence of:**

11 **(a) Gestational diabetes requiring insulin;**

12 **(b) Induction of labor;**

13 **(c) Preeclampsia requiring magnesium sulfate or induction of labor;**

14 **(d) Preeclamptic seizures;**

15 **(e) Cesarean section, classical incision;**

16 **(f) Cesarean section, low-transverse incision;**

17 **(g) Episiotomy;**

18 **(h) Perineal trauma requiring suturing and degree;**

19 **(i) Manual extraction of the placenta;**

- 20 (j) Emergency hysterectomy;
21 (k) Postpartum hemorrhage requiring transfusion; and
22 (l) Postpartum infection requiring antibiotics; and
23 (3) Neonatal statistics for:
24 (a) Prematurity;
25 (b) APGAR scores;
26 (c) Low-birth weight;
27 (d) Admittance to neonatal intensive care unit;
28 (e) Birth injuries;
29 (f) Jaundice requiring phototherapy;
30 (g) Breastfeeding rate at discharge; and
31 (h) Infection requiring antibiotics.

324.1421. No licensed professional midwife shall be permitted to:

- 2 (1) Prescribe drugs;
3 (2) Perform medical inductions or cesarean sections during the delivery of an
4 infant;
5 (3) Use forceps during the delivery of an infant;
6 (4) Perform vacuum delivery of an infant; or
7 (5) Perform an abortion, as defined in chapter 188.

**324.1424. A licensed professional midwife shall not administer prescription drugs,
2 with exceptions limited to:**

- 3 (1) Neonatal use of prophylactic ophthalmic medications, vitamin K and oxygen;
4 (2) Maternal use of Rho (D) immune globulin, oxygen, local anesthetic, and
5 oxytocin, misoprostol and methylergonovine maleate as postpartum anti-hemorrhagics;
6 and
7 (3) Any prescription drug legally prescribed to the client by a licensed health care
8 provider with prescription privileges.

**324.1427. Any person who violates the provisions of sections 324.1400 to 324.1427,
2 or any rule promulgated or order made under sections 324.1400 to 324.1427 is guilty of a
3 class A misdemeanor.**

**334.010. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person not now a registered physician within the
2 meaning of the law to practice medicine or surgery in any of its departments, to engage in the
3 practice of medicine across state lines or to profess to cure and attempt to treat the sick and
4 others afflicted with bodily or mental infirmities, [or engage in the practice of midwifery in this
5 state,] except as herein provided.**

6 2. For the purposes of this chapter, the "practice of medicine across state lines" shall
7 mean:

8 (1) The rendering of a written or otherwise documented medical opinion concerning the
9 diagnosis or treatment of a patient within this state by a physician located outside this state as
10 a result of transmission of individual patient data by electronic or other means from within this
11 state to such physician or physician's agent; or

12 (2) The rendering of treatment to a patient within this state by a physician located outside
13 this state as a result of transmission of individual patient data by electronic or other means from
14 within this state to such physician or physician's agent.

15 3. A physician located outside of this state shall not be required to obtain a license when:

16 (1) In consultation with a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state; and

17 (2) The physician licensed in this state retains ultimate authority and responsibility for
18 the diagnosis or diagnoses and treatment in the care of the patient located within this state; or

19 (3) Evaluating a patient or rendering an oral, written or otherwise documented medical
20 opinion, or when providing testimony or records for the purpose of any civil or criminal action
21 before any judicial or administrative proceeding of this state or other forum in this state; or

22 (4) Participating in a utilization review pursuant to section 376.1350.

334.120. 1. There is hereby created and established a board to be known as "The State
2 Board of Registration for the Healing Arts" for the purpose of registering, licensing and
3 supervising all physicians and surgeons[, and midwives] in this state. The board shall consist
4 of nine members, including one voting public member, to be appointed by the governor by and
5 with the advice and consent of the senate, at least five of whom shall be graduates of professional
6 schools accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education or recognized by the
7 Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, and at least two of whom shall be
8 graduates of professional schools approved and accredited as reputable by the American
9 Osteopathic Association, and all of whom, except the public member, shall be duly licensed and
10 registered as physicians and surgeons pursuant to the laws of this state. Each member must be
11 a citizen of the United States and must have been a resident of this state for a period of at least
12 one year next preceding his or her appointment and shall have been actively engaged in the
13 lawful and ethical practice of the profession of physician and surgeon for at least five years next
14 preceding his or her appointment. Not more than four members shall be affiliated with the same
15 political party. All members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Each member of the
16 board shall receive as compensation an amount set by the board not to exceed fifty dollars for
17 each day devoted to the affairs of the board, and shall be entitled to reimbursement of his or her
18 expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of his or her official duties. The president of the
19 Missouri State Medical Association, for all medical physician appointments, or the president of

20 the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, for all osteopathic physician
21 appointments, in office at the time shall, at least ninety days prior to the expiration of the term
22 of the respective board member, other than the public member, or as soon as feasible after the
23 appropriate vacancy on the board otherwise occurs, submit to the director of the division of
24 professional registration a list of five physicians and surgeons qualified and willing to fill the
25 vacancy in question, with the request and recommendation that the governor appoint one of the
26 five persons so listed, and with the list so submitted, the president of the Missouri State Medical
27 Association or the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, as appropriate,
28 shall include in his or her letter of transmittal a description of the method by which the names
29 were chosen by that association.

30 2. The public member shall be at the time of his or her appointment a citizen of the
31 United States; a resident of this state for a period of one year and a registered voter; a person who
32 is not and never was a member of any profession licensed or regulated pursuant to this chapter
33 or the spouse of such person; and a person who does not have and never has had a material,
34 financial interest in either the providing of the professional services regulated by this chapter,
35 or an activity or organization directly related to any profession licensed or regulated pursuant to
36 this chapter. All members, including public members, shall be chosen from lists submitted by
37 the director of the division of professional registration. The list of medical physicians or
38 osteopathic physicians submitted to the governor shall include the names submitted to the
39 director of the division of professional registration by the president of the Missouri State Medical
40 Association or the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, respectively.
41 This list shall be a public record available for inspection and copying under chapter 610. The
42 duties of the public member shall not include the determination of the technical requirements to
43 be met for licensure or whether any person meets such technical requirements or of the technical
44 competence or technical judgment of a licensee or a candidate for licensure.

2 [334.260. On August 29, 1959, all persons licensed under the provisions
3 of chapter 334, RSMo 1949, as midwives shall be deemed to be licensed as
 midwives under this chapter and subject to all the provisions of this chapter.]

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