

WHEREAS, The Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review recommends that this Bill be enacted on an emergency basis in order to provide a legal foundation for the practice of nurse midwifery until the necessary regulations for the governance of the practice of nurse midwifery are developed and promulgated; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) A licensed nurse midwife who was licensed by the law that regulated midwifery on or before July 1, 1978 remains governed by that law until rules and regulations to regulate the practice of nurse midwifery are adopted jointly by the State Board of Examiners of Nurses and the State Board of Medical Examiners and become effective.

(b) A licensed nurse midwife who was licensed by the law that regulated midwifery between July 1, 1978 and July 1, 1981, inclusive, remains governed by that law until rules and regulations to regulate the practice of nurse midwifery are adopted jointly by the State Board of Examiners of Nurses and the State Board of Medical Examiners and become effective.

(c) An unlicensed person who began the practice of nurse midwifery after July 1, 1981, ~~but before--January--14, 1982,~~ may continue to practice midwifery until rules and regulations to regulate the practice of nurse midwifery are adopted jointly by the State Board of Examiners of Nurses and the State Board of Medical Examiners, if that person:

(1) Is licensed by the State Board of Examiners of Nurses to practice registered nursing; and

(2) Is certified by the American College of Nurse-Midwifery as a nurse midwife.

(d) The provisions of this Act relating to the joint promulgation of rules and regulations governing nurse midwives apply only to delegated medical functions. All other rules and regulations governing nurse midwives shall be promulgated solely by the State Board of Examiners of Nurses.

(e) This Act shall become null and void without any further action by the General Assembly on the earlier of the following 2 dates:

(1) The effective date of rules and regulations adopted jointly by the State Board of Examiners of Nurses and the State Board of Medical Examiners for the purpose of governing the practice of nurse midwifery; or