

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first clause of Art. 43, § 85.

7-610. PROHIBITION AGAINST LICENSED NURSE MIDWIFE ATTENDING ABNORMAL CHILDBIRTH.

EXCEPT UNDER THE PERSONAL DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN, A LICENSED NURSE MIDWIFE MAY NOT ATTEND A WOMAN IN AN ABNORMAL CASE OF CHILDBIRTH.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived in part from the first sentence of Art. 43, § 87.

The introductory phrase "except under the personal direction and supervision of a physician" is derived from present Art. 43, § 84 and used here to clarify that in an abnormal case of childbirth a licensed nurse midwife has the same scope of action as an unlicensed person. This addition is called to the attention of the General Assembly.

For the corresponding license scope limitation see § 7-604 of this subtitle.

7-611. SCOPE OF PREVIOUS LAW.

A LICENSED NURSE MIDWIFE WHO WAS GOVERNED BY THE LAW THAT REGULATED MIDWIVES ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 1978 REMAINS GOVERNED BY THAT LAW UNTIL RULES AND REGULATIONS TO REGULATE THESE LICENSEES ARE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD AND TAKE EFFECT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived in part from the second sentence of Art. 43, § 86(a) and from Art. 43, § 86(e).

The Commission to Revise the Annotated Code recommends that the General Assembly consider deleting this section and transferring to the Board the jurisdiction over those midwives who were licensed on or before July 1, 1978. Under the present law, approximately 120 individuals licensed as midwives on or before July 1, 1978 are governed by the Secretary under the "old" law while the individuals licensed as midwives after July 1, 1978 are governed by the Board under the "new" law.

GENERAL REVISOR'S NOTE:

The present law that relates to midwives, Art. 43, §§ 82 through 93 addresses "traditional midwives" in addition to specially qualified registered nurses. However, as of 1980, there were no individuals qualified to be or to become "traditional midwives". Consequently, the remaining entity