

March 26, 2009

S 940. FLEXIBILITY FOR CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES. Filed 3/25/09. *TO ALLOW CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES FLEXIBILITY IN THE PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY.*

Current law requires nurse midwives to have physician supervision at all times when practicing midwifery (except in emergency situations). Midwifery is defined in GS 90-178.2(3) as "the act of providing prenatal, intrapartum, postpartum, newborn and interconceptional care."

Amends GS 90-178.3(b) to allow nurse midwives to practice midwifery without physician supervision until the patient is admitted to the hospital. Provides that physician supervision is required once the patient is admitted to a hospital.

Intro. by Davis.

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May 13, 2009

S 940. STUDY FLEXIBILITY/CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES (NEW). Filed 3/25/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes provision in the previous edition and replaces it with *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY WHETHER CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES SHOULD BE GIVEN MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY.* Authorizes the Legislative Research Commission to study whether certified nurse midwives should be given more flexibility in their practice, specifically whether they should be allowed to practice in collaboration with instead of under the supervision of a physician. Requires a final report to be submitted to the 2010 Regular Session upon its convening.