

HB1407/556489/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1407
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Act” and substitute “Study”; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 3 down through “term” in line 6 and substitute “requiring the State Board of Nursing and the State Board of Physicians to conduct a joint study on a requirement for a certain agreement between a certified nurse-midwife and a licensed physician; requiring that the Boards collaborate with certain entities; requiring that the study include a review of certain standards and determine certain recommendations; requiring the Boards to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date”; and in line 7, strike “the practice” and substitute “a study”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 8 on page 1 through line 8 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

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

(a) The State Board of Nursing and the State Board of Physicians shall conduct a joint study to determine an appropriate alternative written protocol to replace the current requirement for a certified nurse-midwife to have a signed written collaborative agreement with a licensed physician.

(b) The Boards shall conduct the study in collaboration with:

(1) The Obstetrical and Gynecologic Society of Maryland;

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- (2) The Maryland Hospital Association; and
- (3) The American College of Nurse-Midwives, Maryland Chapter.

(c) The study shall include a review of requirements under Standard V of the Standards for the Practice of Midwifery of the American College of Nurse-Midwives to determine whether to incorporate its requirements into the State regulation of certified nurse-midwives.

(d) The study shall determine recommendations to replace the requirement for a signed written collaborative agreement with an alternative written protocol that clarifies procedures for consultation, collaboration, and referral between a certified nurse-midwife and a licensed physician.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1, 2009, the State Board of Nursing and the State Board of Physicians shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the results and recommendations of the study.”

On page 3, in line 9, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 10, strike “October 1, 2008” and substitute “June 1, 2008”.