

HOUSE BILL 1151

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Nursing – Certified Nurse–Midwives – Standards and Practice**
3 **Guidelines**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Nursing from requiring certain
5 nurse–midwives to have certain documentation of certain consultation,
6 collaboration, or referral with certain health care practitioners as a condition of
7 licensure; requiring certain nurse–midwives to abide by certain standards
8 established by a certain organization or other organizations approved by the
9 Board; authorizing the Board, in the course of an investigation, to require
10 certain nurse–midwives to provide a copy of certain practice guidelines
11 developed in accordance with certain standards; and generally relating to
12 practice guidelines and standards for certified nurse–midwives.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Health Occupations
15 Section 8–602
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Health Occupations**

21 8–602.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A)** The practice of nurse midwifery is governed by rules and regulations that
2 are adopted under § 8–205 of this title and that concern additional acts in the practice
3 of registered nursing.

4 **(B)** **THE BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE A CERTIFIED NURSE–MIDWIFE TO**
5 **HAVE WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF CONSULTATION, COLLABORATION, OR**
6 **REFERRAL WITH ANOTHER HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER AS A CONDITION OF**
7 **LICENSURE.**

8 **(C)** **A CERTIFIED NURSE–MIDWIFE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE**
9 **STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY ESTABLISHED BY THE**
10 **AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE–MIDWIVES OR BY ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION**
11 **APPROVED BY THE BOARD THAT SETS EDUCATION AND PRACTICE STANDARDS**
12 **NATIONWIDE FOR CERTIFIED NURSE–MIDWIVES.**

13 **(D)** **THE BOARD, IN THE COURSE OF AN INVESTIGATION, MAY REQUIRE**
14 **A CERTIFIED NURSE–MIDWIFE TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THE NURSE–MIDWIFE’S**
15 **CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES THAT WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE**
16 **WITH THE STANDARDS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2013.