

# SENATE BILL 760

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By: **Senators Montgomery and Benson**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## 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.

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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