

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

**S.F. No. 4217**

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03/09/2020	5355	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy
03/16/2020		Comm report: To pass as amended
		Second reading

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; clarifying midwifery scope of practice; amending Minnesota

1.3 Statutes 2018, section 147D.03, subdivision 2.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 147D.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Scope of practice.** The practice of traditional midwifery includes; but is not

1.7 limited to:

1.8 (1) initial and ongoing assessment for suitability of traditional midwifery care;

1.9 (2) providing prenatal education and coordinating with a licensed health care provider

1.10 as necessary to provide comprehensive prenatal care, including the routine monitoring of

1.11 vital signs, indicators of fetal developments, and ordering standard prenatal laboratory tests

1.12 and imaging, as needed, with attention to the physical, nutritional, and emotional needs of

1.13 the woman and her family;

1.14 (3) attending and supporting the natural process of labor and birth;

1.15 (4) postpartum care of the mother and an initial assessment of the newborn; ~~and~~

1.16 (5) providing information and referrals to community resources on childbirth preparation,

1.17 breastfeeding, exercise, nutrition, parenting, and care of the newborn; and

1.18 (6) ordering ultrasounds, providing point-of-care testing, and ordering laboratory tests

1.19 that conform to the standard prenatal protocol of the licensed traditional midwife's standard

1.20 of care.