

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE BILL 1482

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to midwives; defining term;
8 specifying who may use certain professional
9 designation; prohibiting certified midwife from
10 delivering certain services unless medically
11 necessary; requiring certain notice; providing that
12 provisions of act do not apply to certified nurse-
13 midwives; providing for codification; and providing
14 an effective date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 578.1 of Title 59, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 As used in this act:

20 "Certified midwife" or "CM" means a person who has:

- 21 a. graduated from a midwifery education program
22 accredited by the American College of Nurse-Midwives
23 Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education,
24 b. passed a national certification examination
administered by the American Midwifery Certification
Board, and

1 c. currently holds a certified midwife credential from
2 the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 578.2 of Title 59, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. No person other than a certified midwife shall use the
7 professional designation of "certified midwife".

8 B. No certified midwife shall perform services relating to a
9 vaginal birth after cesarean (VBAC), a breach presentation or
10 multiple gestations unless such services are delivered in a hospital
11 or birthing center, as such terms are defined in Section 1-701 of
12 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or are delivered when medically
13 necessary to preserve the life and health of the mother or child.

14 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 578.3 of Title 59, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 Any person who performs midwifery services or holds himself or
18 herself out to be a midwife shall notify all clients, at the outset
19 of the professional relationship, which, if any, certification the
20 person holds.

21 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 578.4 of Title 59, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 The provisions of this act shall not apply to certified nurse-
2 midwives, as defined in Section 567.3a of Title 59 of the Oklahoma
3 Statutes.

4 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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