

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for
2 Senate Bill No. 834, Page 7, Section 375.1183, Line 184, by inserting after all of said section and
3 line the following:
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5 "376.1758. 1. For purposes of this section, the term "doula" means an individual who has
6 been trained to provide physical, emotional, and educational support, but not medical or midwifery
7 care, to pregnant and birthing women and their families before, during, and after childbirth.

8 2. The department of health and senior services shall review and approve doula registration
9 to allow for health insurance reimbursement of doula services.

10 3. The department of health and senior services shall:

11 (1) Create the criteria for the doula registration application;

12 (2) Review applications for doulas to register to receive health insurance reimbursement in
13 this state;

14 (3) Approve applications to designate registered doula status based on the criteria created
15 under subdivision (1) of this subsection;

16 (4) Notify applicants of approval or denial of doula registration status. Any denial
17 notification shall include the specific reason or reasons for the denial; and

18 (5) Maintain a statewide registry of doulas approved for health insurance reimbursement in
19 this state.

20 4. In creating the criteria for the doula registration application to be used to approve doula
21 registration status, the department of health and senior services shall consult relevant organizations,
22 including community-based organizations that:

23 (1) Are directly involved in antepartum and postpartum doula work;

24 (2) Understand the importance of health-related social needs, including the navigation of
25 social services and resources and trauma-informed care, and the importance of strategies tailored to
26 the community served; and

27 (3) Shall be actively engaged in working with pregnant patients who are most at risk for
28 adverse health outcomes and providing community-based doula services in this state.

29 5. Nothing in this section prohibits any person from practicing as a doula in this state
30 regardless of whether the person is registered in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Action Taken _____ Date _____

1 6. The department of health and senior services shall promulgate all necessary rules and
2 regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
3 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become
4 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if
5 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
6 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to
7 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
8 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2024, shall be invalid and void."; and
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10 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
11 accordingly.