LICENSING OF MIDWIVES
2015 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Carol Spackman Moss
Senate Sponsor:
LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill amends provisions related to the practice of midwifery.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
<ul> <li>requires an individual who practices midwifery without a license to comply with</li> </ul>
informed consent requirements.
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
AMENDS:
58-77-501, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 299
ENACTS:
<b>58-77-604</b> , Utah Code Annotated 1953
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1. Section <b>58-77-501</b> is amended to read:
58-77-501. Unlawful conduct.
(1) In addition to the [definition in Subsection 58-1-501(1), "unlawful conduct"



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28	includes] conduct that constitutes unlawful conduct under Subsection 58-1-501(1), it is
29	unlawful conduct for an individual who is not licensed under this chapter to:
30	(a) [representing or holding oneself out as a] represent or hold out that the individual is
31	<u>a</u> licensed direct-entry midwife [when not licensed under this chapter; and];
32	(b) [using] administer prescription medications, except oxygen, [while engaged] in the
33	practice of direct-entry midwifery [when not licensed under this chapter.]; or
34	(c) fail to obtain from a client, prior to providing service to the client, the informed
35	consent form described in Section 58-77-604.
36	(2) (a) Except [as provided in Subsections (1)(a) and (b)] for conduct that constitutes
37	unlawful conduct under Subsection (1), it is lawful to practice direct-entry midwifery in the
38	state without being licensed under this chapter.
39	(b) The practice of direct-entry midwifery is not considered the practice of medicine,
40	nursing, or nurse-midwifery.
41	Section 2. Section <b>58-77-604</b> is enacted to read:
42	<u>58-77-604.</u> Informed consent.
43	(1) An individual who is not licensed to practice direct-entry midwifery under this
14	chapter shall obtain from the individual's client, before providing services to the client, an
<b>4</b> 5	informed consent form that:
46	(a) states that:
<b>1</b> 7	(i) the individual is not licensed by the state;
48	(ii) the individual's education and qualifications have not been reviewed by the state;
<b>1</b> 9	(iii) the individual is not authorized to carry or administer prescription medications;
50	<u>and</u>
51	(iv) the risk of harm or death to a mother or newborn may be greater because the
52	individual is not licensed under this chapter;
53	(b) describes the types of midwife licenses issued by the state and the minimum
54	qualifications the state requires for an individual to obtain each type of midwife license;
55	(c) describes the services the individual may legally provide to the client under state
56	<u>law;</u>
57	(d) contains a plan for transporting the client to the nearest hospital if a problem occurs
58	during labor or childbirth;

(2) An individual who is not licensed to practice direct-entry midwifery under this chapter shall retain the consent form described in Subsection (1) for at least 10 years after the

day on which the client gives birth.

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