

H.B. 428

BIRTHING FACILITY LICENSURE AMENDMENTS

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 1

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Representative **Francis D. Gibson** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 7, Line 204 through Page 8, Line 214:*

204 (7) (a) A birthing center that is not freestanding may be licensed as an alongside

205 midwifery unit if the birthing center:

206 (i) is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Birth Centers;

207 (ii) is connected to a hospital facility, either through a bridge, ramp, or adjacent to the

208 labor and delivery unit within the hospital with care provided with the midwifery model of

209 care, where maternal patients are received and care provided during labor, delivery, and

210 immediately after delivery; and

211 (iii) is supervised by a clinical director who is licensed as a **a physician as defined in Section**
58-67-102 or a certified nurse midwife

212 under Title 58, Chapter 44a, Nurse Midwife Practice Act.

213 (b) An alongside midwifery unit shall have a transfer agreement in place with the

214 adjoining hospital: