

SF1743 - 0 - Certified Midwife Licensure

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings	X	
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology	X	
Local Fiscal Impact		X

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State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Nursing Board	-	-	-	-	-
Health Related Boards	-	-	-	-	-
State Total					
Health Related Boards	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-		-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Nursing Board	-	-	-	-	-
Health Related Boards	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Lead LBO Analyst's Comment

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Nursing Board	-	-	-	-	-
Health Related Boards	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-		-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*					
Nursing Board	-	-	-	-	-
Health Related Boards					
Expenditures	-	-	24	-	-
Absorbed Costs	-	-	(24)	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-		-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*					
Nursing Board	-	-	-	-	-
Health Related Boards	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-		-

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LBO Analyst's Comment

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Biennial Total				-		-
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Health Related Boards						
Expenditures		-	-	24	-	-
Absorbed Costs		-	-	(24)	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Health Related Boards						
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-

Bill Description

Establishes Certified Midwife licensure by the Board of Nursing.

Assumptions

The bill applies to all persons educated as and use the title certified midwife and all persons in or out of this state who provide certified midwifery services to patients who reside in this State. The MN Board of Nursing currently licenses Certified Nurse Midwives. Certified Midwives differ from Certified Nurse Midwives in that they are not nurses, however they have comparable educational backgrounds. This bill addresses Certified Midwives.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Currently 11 states license Certified Midwives and there are approximately 130 Certified Midwives licensed in the United States. The University of Minnesota plans to open a Certified Midwife graduate program and estimates that students would begin enrollment in Fall of 2027. They do not expect a meaningful increase in licensure applications until 2030.

Programming, testing, and implementing costs to add a new license type in our licensing database is a one-time cost of \$24,000 (\$150 per hour X 160 hours). These estimates come from the software vendor that would do this work. The Board has the ability to absorb these funds and doing so will not displace any resources needed for other activities planned by the Board.

Based on the limited number of Certified Midwife licensees in the United States and the limited number of licensure-preparing programs, we expect very few applicants for licensure as Certified Midwives. The staff activity surrounding licensure of these individuals could be absorbed by the agency.

Revenue

Fee Description	Fee	Estimate Number Paying	Total Estimate Revenue FY2024	Total Estimate Revenue FY2025	Total Estimate Revenue FY2026	Total Estimate Revenue FY2027	Total Estimate Revenue FY2028

Initial Registration & Application	105	0/0/2/2/5	0	0	210	210	525
Registration Renew (every 2 years)	85	0/0/0/0/2	0	0	0	0	170
Misc. receipts, including receipt w/o reg fee and penalty fees	unknown						
Total			0	0	210	210	695

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Local Fiscal Impact

References/Sources

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Tax Revenue		X
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	Biennial Total			-		-

Bill Description

Section 26 mandates that Medical Assistance (MA) cover certified midwifery services that fall under the licensure's scope of practice and would otherwise be covered by MA as a physician service. It also clarifies that the services are only separately paid in the case that they are not already included as an inpatient facility payment.

Assumptions

Bill is assumed to be effective January 1, 2025.

Midwife services falling under the scope of practice of a licensed certified midwife are currently covered through Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP), so this bill would not have an impact on the quantity or type of services that MHCP delivers to its enrollees. For this reason, the Department of Human Services (DHS) assumes no cost for its health care programs to comply with this legislation.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Local Fiscal Impact

References/Sources

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Total		-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total				-		-

Bill Description

The bill creates the Minnesota Certified Midwife Practice Act, which sets definitions, licensing standards, disciplinary standards, and other regulations for certified midwifery practice. The bill establishes requirements for approved certified midwifery education programs. The bill establishes reporting requirements such that courts must notify the board of certain findings and outcomes related to certified midwife practitioners appearing in cases before the court.

The bill creates and defines a number of new crimes related to unauthorized certified midwifery practice or fraudulent certification/licensing of certified midwifery practice and educational programs.

The bill authorizes courts to issue injunctions against unauthorized certified midwifery practice.

Assumptions

It is assumed that the judicial branch will comply with reporting provisions in the same manner that it currently complies with Minn. Stat. §§ 146A.03, subd. 6 (unlicensed complementary and alternative health care practitioners); 147.111, subd. 6 (physicians); 147A.14, subd. 6 (physician assistants), 148.102, subd. 6 (chiropractors); 148.263, subd. 5 (nursing); 148B.381, subd. 6 (marriage and family therapists/counseling); 149A.61, subd. 5 (mortuary science); 150A.13, subd. 6 (dentistry); and any other similar provisions of Minnesota law. Compliance is achieved by making the court record information available online to licensing boards, agencies, and the general public as court administration is often unaware of a party's profession and unable to make a direct report.

It is assumed that criminal case filings for violations relating to practice of certified midwifery will occur at a rate similar to charges filed under Chapters 147 (physicians) and 148 (public health occupations including chiropractors, nurses, and other health occupations) of Minnesota law.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Based on five years of judicial branch data (2019-2023), there was a total of 5 charges filed statewide alleging violations of Minnesota Statute Chapters 147 and 148. If each of those charges constituted a single case that would amount to an annual average of 1 case statewide. It is anticipated that the provisions of this bill would lead to an increase of no more than one additional case statewide per year.

This bill is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact on the judicial branch.

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Local Fiscal Impact

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