

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 542

Short Title: Decriminalize Direct Entry Midwifery. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rabin, Sanderson (Primary Sponsors); Cook, Hartsell, Krawiec, and
McInnis.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 30, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT ALLOWING CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN
MIDWIFERY SERVICES WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PENALTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
Article to read:

"Article 10B.

"Practice of Midwifery by Certified Professional Midwives.

§ 90-178.10. Practice of midwifery by certified professional midwife.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any person who is certified as a
Certified Professional Midwife by the North American Registry of Midwives may provide
prenatal, intrapartum, postpartum, and newborn care as defined in G.S. 90-178.2, in accordance
with the Standards for Practice of the National Association of Certified Professional
Midwives."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.

