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.