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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Flores) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 467.015, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read

467.015 Responsibilities of the midwife.—

(5) The midwife, whether providing an in-hospital or out-  
of-hospital birth, shall do all of the following:

(a) Upon acceptance of a patient into care, advise the



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11 patient of the clinical outcomes of births in low-risk patients  
12 during an out-of-hospital birth and any increased risks  
13 associated with an individual having a vaginal birth after  
14 having a caesarean section, a breech birth, or a multiple  
15 gestation pregnancy. The licensed health care practitioner  
16 providing out-of-hospital births shall further advise, but may  
17 not require, the patient to consult an obstetrician for more  
18 information related to such clinical outcomes and increased  
19 risks.

20 (b)(a) Prepare a written plan of action with the patient  
21 and the patient's family, if any, to ensure continuity of  
22 medical care throughout labor and delivery and to provide for  
23 immediate medical care if an emergency arises. The family should  
24 have specific plans for medical care throughout the prenatal,  
25 intrapartal, and postpartal periods.

26 (c)(b) If a home birth is planned, instruct the patient and  
27 family regarding the preparation of the environment and ensure  
28 availability of equipment and supplies needed for delivery and  
29 infant care, if a home birth is planned.

30 (d)(e) Instruct the patient in the hygiene of pregnancy and  
31 nutrition as it relates to prenatal care.

32 (e)(d) Maintain equipment and supplies in conformity with  
33 the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

34 (f) Upon initial contact with the patient during the  
35 intrapartal period, measure and record the vital signs of the  
36 mother and fetus to serve as a baseline during labor and  
37 delivery.

38 (g) Transfer care of the patient to a hospital with  
39 obstetrical services in accordance with the written emergency



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40 plan if any of the following occurs or presents during labor or  
41 delivery or immediately thereafter:

- 42 1. An unexpected nonvertex presentation of the fetus;  
43 2. Indication that the mother's uterus has ruptured;  
44 3. Evidence of severe and persistent fetal or maternal  
45 distress;  
46 4. Pregnancy-induced hypertension;  
47 5. An umbilical cord prolapse;  
48 6. An active infectious disease process; or  
49 7. Any other severe emergent condition.

50 Section 2. Section 467.016, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
51 read:

52 467.016 Informed consent.—The department shall develop a  
53 uniform patient informed consent ~~client informed consent~~ form to  
54 be used by the midwife providing out-of-hospital births to  
55 inform the patient ~~client~~ of the qualifications of a licensed  
56 midwife and the nature and risk of the procedures to be used by  
57 a midwife and to obtain the patient's ~~client's~~ consent for the  
58 provision of out-of-hospital birth ~~midwifery~~ services. The form  
59 must be signed by the patient and the midwife providing out-of-  
60 hospital births, and a copy must be provided to the patient. The  
61 form shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

62 (a) A statement advising the patient of the clinical  
63 outcomes of births in low-risk patients during an out-of-  
64 hospital birth and any increased risks associated with having a  
65 vaginal birth after having a caesarean section, a breech birth,  
66 or a multiple gestation pregnancy.

67 (b) A detailed statement explaining to the patient hospital  
68 admitting privileges and the requirements for a health care



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69 practitioner to obtain and maintain such privileges.

70 (c) Disclosure of each hospital and specific department, if  
71 any, where the health care practitioner providing out-of-  
72 hospital births has been granted admitting privileges, including  
73 the scope and duration of the admitting privileges, the current  
74 contact information for the specific hospital or department that  
75 has granted the health care practitioner admitting privileges,  
76 and a copy of documentation from the hospital or department  
77 providing proof of such admitting privileges. A health care  
78 practitioner providing out-of-hospital births who does not have  
79 admitting privileges at any hospital must explicitly state that  
80 fact on the form.

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82 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

83 And the title is amended as follows:

84 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
85 and insert:

86 A bill to be entitled  
87 An act relating to midwifery; amending s. 467.015,  
88 F.S.; revising responsibilities of licensed midwives  
89 providing out-of-hospital births; amending s. 467.016,  
90 F.S.; revising the requirements for the uniform  
91 patient informed consent form used by licensed  
92 midwives providing out-of-hospital births; providing  
93 an effective date.