

1 HB315
2 182388-3
3 By Representatives Johnson (K) and Pettus
4 RFD: Judiciary
5 First Read: 23-FEB-17

ENGROSSED

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to midwives; to amend Section 34-19-3, Code of Alabama 1975; to exempt a midwife holding a current midwifery certification from an organization accredited by the Institute for Credentialing Excellence from the crime of practicing midwifery without a license; and to make the practice of lay midwifery a criminal offense.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 34-19-3, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§34-19-3.

"(a) It shall be unlawful for any ~~person~~ individual other than a licensed professional nurse who has received a license from the State Board of Nursing and the Board of Medical Examiners or a midwife who holds a current midwifery certification from an organization accredited by the Institute for Credentialing Excellence to practice ~~nurse~~ midwifery in this state. Any person violating this ~~subsection~~ section shall be guilty of a ~~misdemeanor~~ violation.

~~"(b) Nothing in subsection (a) of this section shall be construed as to prevent lay midwives holding valid health~~

1 ~~department permits from engaging in the practice of lay~~
2 ~~midwifery as heretofore provided until such time as the permit~~
3 ~~may be revoked by the county board of health."~~

4 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
5 first day of the third month following its passage and
6 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 84, Nays 11, Abstains 3

Jeff Woodard
Clerk