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REPORT NO. 2258

AN ACT EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE PRACTICE OF
MIDWIFERY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 7392, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE
MIDWIFERY ACT OF 1992", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. Article III, Section 23 of Republic Act No. 7392 is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 23. *Practice of Midwifery Defined.* - The
4 practice of midwifery consist in performing or rendering, or
5 offering to perform or render, for a fee, salary, or other reward
6 or compensation, services requiring an understanding of the
7 principles and application of procedures and techniques in the
8 supervision and care of women during pregnancy, labor and
9 puerperium management of normal deliveries, including the
10 performance of internal examination during labor except when

1 patient is with antenatal bleeding; health education of the patient,
2 family and community; primary health care services in the
3 community, including nutrition and family planning in carrying
4 out the written order of physicians with regard to antenatal,
5 intra-natal and post-natal care of the normal pregnant mother in
6 giving immunization, including oral and parenteral dispensing of
7 oxytocic drug after delivery of placenta, suturing perineal
8 lacerations to control bleeding, to give intravenous fluid during
9 obstetrical emergencies, ADMINISTER LIFE-SAVING DRUGS SUCH
10 AS MAGNESIUM SULPHATE, OXYTOCIN, STEROIDS AND ORAL
11 ANTIBIOTICS WHEN NO PHYSICIAN IS AVAILABLE, provided
12 they [have been] ARE APPROPRIATELY trained for that
13 purpose[.] AND CERTIFIED PROFICIENT TO PERFORM THE
14 NECESSARY CARE AND SERVICES TO PREVENT MATERNAL
15 DEATHS. MIDWIVES ARE ALSO HEREBY ALLOWED TO
16 ADMINISTER ESSENTIAL NEWBORN CARE INCLUDING, BUT NOT
17 LIMITED TO, IMMUNIZATION and [may inject] INJECTING
18 Vitamin K to the newborn. *Provided, however.* That this
19 provision shall not apply to students in midwifery schools who
20 perform midwifery service[s] under the supervision of the
21 instructors[, nor to emergency cases].

22 "THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) SHALL ISSUE
23 GUIDELINES ON THE ACCREDITATION OF MIDWIVES TO
24 PERFORM EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC AND NEONATAL CARE
25 (E/EmONC). ALL PRACTICING MIDWIVES WHO INTEND TO
26 PERFORM E/EmONC MUST APPLY FOR AND ACQUIRE
27 ACCREDITATION FROM THE DOH AFTER NECESSARY

1 TRAININGS AND EXAMINATION AND COMPLIANCE OF OTHER
2 REQUIREMENTS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE DOH.”

3 SEC. 2. A new provision is inserted between Sections 23 and 24 of
4 Republic Act No. 7392 to read as follows:

5 “SEC. 24. *CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION.* –
6 A REGISTERED MIDWIFE IS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN
7 COMPETENCE BY CONTINUAL LEARNING THROUGH
8 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE) TO BE
9 PROVIDED BY THE ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL
10 ORGANIZATION OR ANY RECOGNIZED PROFESSIONAL
11 MIDWIFERY ORGANIZATION; *PROVIDED, THAT THE PROGRAM*
12 *AND ACTIVITY FOR THE CPE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO AND*
13 *APPROVED BY THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION,*
14 *AFTER DUE CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF MIDWIFERY:*
15 *PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE EARNED CPE UNITS SHALL BE*
16 *MANDATORILY REQUIRED FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE*
17 *PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD OF A REGISTERED*
18 *MIDWIFE.”*

19 SEC. 3. The following provisions shall be inserted between Sections 26
20 and 27 of Republic Act No. 7392 to read as follows:

21 “SEC. 28. *HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCE PRODUCTION,*
22 *UTILIZATION, PLACEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.* – THE
23 BOARD, IN COORDINATION WITH THE ACCREDITED
24 PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION AND APPROPRIATE
25 GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE AGENCIES, SHALL INITIATE,
26 UNDERTAKE AND CONDUCT STUDIES ON HEALTH HUMAN
27 RESOURCE PRODUCTION, UTILIZATION, PLACEMENT AND
28 DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONALIZATION
29 OF MIDWIFERY.”

1 **"SEC. 29. COMPREHENSIVE MIDWIFERY PROGRAM. --**

2 **WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT,**
3 **THE BOARD, IN COORDINATION WITH THE ACCREDITED**
4 **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION, NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,**
5 **ACCREDITED SERVICE PROVIDERS AND THE DOH, IS HEREBY**
6 **MANDATED TO FORMULATE AND DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE**
7 **MIDWIFERY PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES A VALID ASSESSMENT**
8 **OF CAREER PERFORMANCE AND POTENTIAL, THUS, UPGRADE**
9 **THE LEVEL OF SKILL AND COMPETENCE OF MIDWIVES IN THE**
10 **COUNTRY SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE AREAS OF SKILL**
11 **OF MATERNAL AND CHILD CARE AND SUCH OTHER AREAS AS**
12 **MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD. THE BENEFICIARIES OF**
13 **THE PROGRAM ARE OBLIGED TO SERVE IN ANY RURAL OR**
14 **COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST TWO (2)**
15 **YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE COMPLETION OF THE**
16 **PROGRAM."**

17 **"SEC. 30. SALARY AND COMPENSATION. -- IN ORDER**
18 **TO ENHANCE THE GENERAL WELFARE AND COMMITMENT TO**
19 **SERVICE AND PROFESSIONALISM OF MIDWIVES, THE MINIMUM**
20 **BASE PAY OF MIDWIVES WORKING IN PUBLIC HEALTH**
21 **INSTITUTIONS SHALL NOT BE LOWER THAN THE 1ST STEP OF**
22 **THE HIRING RATE PRESCRIBED FOR THE POSITIONS UNDER**
23 **REPUBLIC ACT No. 6758, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE**
24 **"COMPENSATION AND POSITION CLASSIFICATION ACT OF**
25 **1989", AS AMENDED."**

26 **"SEC. 31. FUNDING FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE**
27 **MIDWIFERY PROGRAM. -- THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL**
28 **REQUIREMENT NEEDED TO TRAIN AT LEAST TEN PERCENT**
29 **(10%) OF MIDWIVES OF THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENT**
30 **HOSPITAL SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL**

1 **APPROPRIATIONS ACT: PROVIDED, THAT THE DOH SHALL**
2 **SET THE CRITERIA FOR THE AVAILMENT OF THIS PROGRAM.”**

3 SEC. 4. Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, the
4 Professional Regulation Commission, in coordination with the DOH and the
5 accredited professional organization of registered midwives, shall promulgate a
6 new implementing rules and regulations of Republic Act No. 7392 which shall
7 be published in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation

8 SEC. 5. If any part or provision of this Act shall be held
9 unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions which are not affected thereby
10 shall continue to be in full force and effect.

11 SEC. 6. All laws, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act
12 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

13 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
14 in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

 Approved,

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