



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4085

Introduced 5/30/2005, by Rep. William Delgado

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Certified Professional Midwives Pilot Program Act to permit Certified Professional Midwives who are nationally certified direct-entry midwives to practice in designated shortage areas. Provides that the Department of Public Health shall establish and administer the 5-year pilot program by rule. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Certified Professional Midwives Pilot Program Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act to is to
7 establish a midwifery pilot program that is consistent with the
8 mission of the Illinois Center for Minority Health Services by
9 developing health care services in minority communities and
10 with the mission of the Illinois Center for Rural Health by
11 improving access to primary health care services in rural and
12 underserved areas. The pilot program shall also provide
13 culturally sensitive maternity care services to immigrant and
14 minority populations accustomed to out-of-hospital births.

15 Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:

16 "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

17 "Designated shortage area" means a medically underserved
18 area or population or health manpower shortage area as defined
19 by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or
20 as otherwise designated by the Department of Public Health.

21 "Nationally certified direct-entry midwife" means a
22 Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) as certified by the North
23 American Registry of Midwives, which is accredited by the
24 National Commission for Certifying Agencies.

25 "Midwives model of care" means a model of maternity care
26 based on the fact that pregnancy and birth are normal life
27 processes as defined by the Midwifery Task Force, a national
28 collective midwifery group consisting of representatives from
29 the Midwives Alliance of North America, the North American
30 Registry of Midwives, the Midwifery Education Accreditation
31 Council, and Citizens for Midwifery.

1 Section 15. Certified Professional Midwives Pilot Program.

2 (a) The Department of Public Health shall establish and
3 administer, by rule, the Certified Professional Midwives Pilot
4 Program. This 5-year pilot program shall permit Certified
5 Professional Midwives who are nationally certified
6 direct-entry midwives to practice in designated shortage
7 areas. The CPMs shall provide the midwives model of care and
8 out-of-hospital maternity care services in homes or in
9 freestanding birth centers to families residing in designated
10 shortage areas and families residing in minority communities.
11 The CPMs shall also provide risk assessment screening and
12 identify women in need of obstetrical attention.

13 (b) The Department shall also collect client satisfaction
14 data, as well as maternal and infant outcome data.

15 (c) Upon the completion of the pilot program, the
16 Department shall submit to the General Assembly a report
17 containing an analysis of any data collected and
18 recommendations concerning the program and midwifery in the
19 State.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.