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H. F. No. 1178

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health occupations; modifying the list of certifying organizations for
1.3 doulas; modifying provisions governing the doula registry; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2020, sections 148.995, subdivision 2; 148.996, subdivisions 2, 4, by
1.5 adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.6 148.

1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 148.995, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 2. Certified doula. "Certified doula" means an individual who has received a
1.10 certification to perform doula services from the International Childbirth Education
1.11 Association, the Doulas of North America (DONA), the Association of Labor Assistants
1.12 and Childbirth Educators (ALACE), Birthworks, the Childbirth and Postpartum Professional
1.13 Association (CAPPA), Childbirth International, the International Center for Traditional
1.14 Childbearing, or Commonsense Childbirth, Inc., Modern Doula Education (MDE), or an
1.15 organization designated by the commissioner under section 148.9965.

1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 148.996, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.17 Subd. 2. Qualifications. The commissioner shall include on the registry any individual
1.18 who:

1.19 (1) submits an application on a form provided by the commissioner. The form must
1.20 include the applicant's name, address, and contact information;

1.21 (2) maintains submits evidence of maintaining a current certification from one of the
1.22 organizations listed in section 148.995, subdivision 2, or from an organization designated
1.23 by the commissioner under section 148.9965; and

2.1 (3) pays the fees required under section 148.997.

2.2 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 148.996, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.3 Subd. 4. **Renewal.** Inclusion on the registry maintained by the commissioner is valid  
 2.4 for three years, provided the doula meets the requirement in subdivision 2, clause (2), during  
 2.5 the entire period. At the end of the three-year period, the certified doula may submit a new  
 2.6 application to remain on the doula registry by meeting the requirements described in  
 2.7 subdivision 2.

2.8 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 148.996, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 2.9 read:

2.10 Subd. 6. **Removal from registry.** (a) If the commissioner determines that a doula  
 2.11 included on the registry does not meet the requirement in subdivision 2, clause (2), the  
 2.12 commissioner shall notify the affected doula that the doula no longer meets the requirement  
 2.13 in subdivision 2, clause (2), specify steps the doula must take to maintain inclusion on the  
 2.14 registry, and specify the effect of failing to take such steps. The commissioner must provide  
 2.15 this notice by first class mail to the address on file with the commissioner for the affected  
 2.16 doula.

2.17 (b) Following the provision of notice under paragraph (a), the commissioner shall remove  
 2.18 from the registry any doula who no longer meets the requirement in subdivision 2, clause  
 2.19 (2), and who does not take the steps specified by the commissioner to maintain inclusion  
 2.20 on the registry.

2.21 Sec. 5. **[148.9965] DESIGNATION OF DOULA CERTIFICATION**  
 2.22 **ORGANIZATIONS BY COMMISSIONER.**

2.23 Subdivision 1. **Review and designation by commissioner.** The commissioner shall  
 2.24 periodically review the doula certification organizations listed in section 148.995, subdivision  
 2.25 2, or designated by the commissioner under this section. The commissioner may: (1)  
 2.26 designate additional organizations from which individuals, if maintaining current doula  
 2.27 certification from such an organization, are eligible for inclusion on the registry of certified  
 2.28 doulas; and (2) remove the designation of a doula certification organization previously  
 2.29 designated by the commissioner.

2.30 Subd. 2. **Designation.** A doula certification organization seeking designation under this  
 2.31 section shall provide the commissioner with evidence that the organization satisfies  
 2.32 designation criteria established by the commissioner. If the commissioner designates a doula

3.1 certification organization under this section, the commissioner shall provide notice of the  
3.2 designation by publication in the State Register and on the Department of Health website  
3.3 for the registry of certified doulas and shall specify the date after which a certification by  
3.4 the organization authorizes a doula certified by the organization to be included on the  
3.5 registry.

3.6 Subd. 3. **Removal of designation.** (a) The commissioner may remove the designation  
3.7 of a doula certification organization previously designated by the commissioner under this  
3.8 section upon a determination by the commissioner that the organization does not meet the  
3.9 commissioner's criteria for designation. If the commissioner removes a designation, the  
3.10 commissioner shall provide notice of the removal by publication in the State Register and  
3.11 shall specify the date after which a certification by the organization no longer authorizes a  
3.12 doula certified by the organization to be included on the registry.

3.13 (b) Following removal of a designation, the Department of Health website for the registry  
3.14 of certified doulas shall be modified to reflect the removal.