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03/09/2020	5355	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy
03/16/2020		Comm report: To pass as amended
		Second reading

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A bill for an act

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relating to health; expanding midwifery scope of practice; amending Minnesota

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Statutes 2018, section 147D.03, subdivision 2.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 147D.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. **Scope of practice.** The practice of traditional midwifery includes; but is not

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limited to:

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(1) initial and ongoing assessment for suitability of traditional midwifery care;

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(2) providing prenatal education and coordinating with a licensed health care provider

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as necessary to provide comprehensive prenatal care, including the routine monitoring of

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vital signs, indicators of fetal developments, and laboratory tests, as needed, with attention

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to the physical, nutritional, and emotional needs of the woman and her family;

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(3) attending and supporting the natural process of labor and birth;

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(4) postpartum care of the mother and an initial assessment of the newborn; ~~and~~

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(5) providing information and referrals to community resources on childbirth preparation,

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breastfeeding, exercise, nutrition, parenting, and care of the newborn;

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(6) ordering ultrasounds when deemed medically necessary by the midwife; and

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(7) providing and ordering laboratory tests that conform to the midwife's standard of

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care.