

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

S.F. No. 4217

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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

1.1 A bill for an act

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

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

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

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

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

1.7 limited to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.19 care.