

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6178

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As of January 16, 2024

**Title:** An act relating to aligning the legend drug act to reflect the prescriptive authority for licensed midwives.

**Brief Description:** Aligning the legend drug act to reflect the prescriptive authority for licensed midwives.

**Sponsors:** Senators Randall, Torres, Nobles, Trudeau, Kuderer, Dhingra, Saldaña, Shewmake and Wilson, C..

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Health & Long Term Care: 1/19/24.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Amends the list of providers who may prescribe, obtain, and administer legend drugs to include licensed midwives, to the extent authorized.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE

**Staff:** Julie Tran (786-7283)

**Background:** A licensed midwife renders medical aid for a fee to a person during prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum stages or to a newborn up to two weeks of age. The Secretary of Health is the disciplining authority for licensed midwives.

To be licensed as a midwife, a person must have a high school education, be at least 21 years of age, possess a certificate or diploma from a midwifery program, and pass an examination.

In 2022, the Legislature established a limited prescriptive license extension for licensed midwives. A midwife who has been granted a limited prescriptive license extension may

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prescribe, obtain, and administer antibiotic, antiemetic, antiviral, antifungal, low-potency topical steroid, and antipruritic medications and therapies; other medications and therapies for the prevention and treatment of conditions that do not constitute a significant deviation from normal in pregnancy or postpartum; and hormonal and non-hormonal family planning methods.

**Summary of Bill:** The list of providers who may prescribe, obtain, and administer legend drugs is amended to include licensed midwives, to the extent authorized by the licensed midwives' scope of practice.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 13, 2024

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.