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H.B. No. 2800

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the liability of a midwife in the practice of midwifery.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 203, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 203.358 to read as follows:

Sec. 203.358 Statement on Liability Insurance. (a) All licensed midwives must provide to a prospective client before rendering services a form to be signed acknowledging the risks of using a midwife and;

(1) that the midwife does carry current medical professional liability insurance coverage or;

(2) that the midwife does not currently carry medical professional liability insurance coverage.

(b) The Midwifery Board shall prescribe the form for the prospective client.

SECTION 2. Not later than November 1, 2011, the Midwifery Board shall prescribe the form required by Section 203.358, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

(b) Section 203.358, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, takes effect January 1, 2012.