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H 3845 General Bill, By Hill, Gagnon, Willis, G.R. Smith, Burns, Magnuson, Pitts, Ryhal and Chumley

Summary: Birthing centers

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-89-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CHAPTER DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITIONS OF "BIRTHING CENTER" AND "LAY MIDWIFE" AND ADD A DEFINITION FOR "CONSULTANT PHYSICIAN"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-89-60, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF BIRTH CENTERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CONSULTANT PHYSICIAN TO BE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES A BIRTH CENTER IS CONDUCTING BUSINESS TO PROVIDE CONSULTATION AND/OR ACCEPT TRANSFERS OF MOTHERS AND BABIES, TO REQUIRE BIRTHS PLANNED TO OCCUR AT A BIRTH CENTER TO BE EVALUATED BY CLINICAL STAFF TO ASSESS FOR RISK STATUS AND TO DOCUMENT EVALUATIONS IN CLIENT FILES, TO ESTABLISH LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF BIRTH CENTER CLINICAL STAFF, TO REQUIRE BIRTH CENTERS TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES, TO REQUIRE BIRTH CENTERS TO ADOPT POLICY AND PROCEDURES THAT ADDRESS THE TRANSFER OF CLIENTS AND NEWBORNS TO ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS, TO PROVIDE LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR CONSULTANT PHYSICIANS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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