

**Bill Summary**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 1823</b>
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**Committee Substitute (CS)**

The CS for SB 1823 directs the State Commissioner of Health to promulgate rules providing for the licensure of midwives and authorizes the Commissioner to impose disciplinary action. The measure creates an Advisory Committee on Midwifery, which shall consist of 7 members appointed by the Commissioner. Members shall serve 6-year staggered terms and shall meet at least semiannually. The Committee is directed to advise the Commissioner on matters pertaining to the midwife profession and assist the Commissioner on developing professional standards. The provisions of the CS shall not apply to student midwives and Certified Nurse-Midwives.

The measure establishes a \$1,000.00 fee to apply for a license and requires applicants to submit certain documents. The CS caps fines and fees at \$5,000.00. Midwives are prohibited from utilizing certain medical equipment or administering certain medications. Licenses created in the measure shall be valid for 3 years. Midwives must disclose information outlined in the measure to prospective clients and prohibits certain advertising practices. Persons holding themselves out to be midwives must obtain a license no later than July 1, 2021. The measure provides immunity from civil liability to physicians, Certified Nurse-Midwives, and Registered Nurses as it relates to providing advice to a midwife who refuses to follow certain procedures. The measure directs the State Department of Health to maintain a roster of licensed midwives. The measure may be cited as Shepherd's Law.

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