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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The Midwifery practice act sunsets on July 1, 2024. The Division seeks to consolidate the regulation of licensed midwives under the Board of Nursing for practical and financial reasons. The Board of Midwifery is operating at a deficit, and it is highly unlikely that it will ever be financially solvent. The Board of Nursing has sufficient resources to absorb the Board of Midwifery and will be able to effectively regulate the midwifery profession as it currently regulates certified nurse midwives. To account for the consolidation, we have altered the board's composition.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no fiscal impact to the state general fund, other state funds or expenditures, or local government. There are no funds implicated in this statutory change.

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