

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**HOUSE BILL 333  
Committee Substitute Favorable 7/27/09**

Short Title: Certified Professional Midwives Licensure. (Public)

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Sponsors:

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Referred to:

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March 2, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA MIDWIFERY JOINT COMMITTEE TO  
2 DEVELOP A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH LICENSURE OF CERTIFIED  
3 PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES IN THIS STATE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE  
4 NORTH CAROLINA OBSTETRICAL AND GYNECOLOGICAL SOCIETY, THE  
5 NORTH CAROLINA SECTION OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF  
6 OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES,  
7 INCLUDING THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
8 HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON LICENSING MIDWIVES.  
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10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina Midwifery Joint Committee (Committee) shall  
12 develop and propose a methodology for licensing Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs) in  
13 this State. In developing a licensure methodology, the Committee shall collaborate with the  
14 North Carolina Obstetrical and Gynecological Society, the North Carolina Section of the  
15 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and other interested parties. The  
16 proposed methodology shall establish standards for education and training of CPMs that are at  
17 least as stringent as those put forth by the American Midwifery Certification Board and shall  
18 require that CPMs maintain liability insurance coverage regardless of the setting in which they  
19 practice.

20 **SECTION 2.** The Commissioner of Insurance shall provide the Committee with  
21 information relating to the access and availability of mandatory liability insurance coverage for  
22 CPMs in North Carolina. If no liability insurance coverage is available to CPMs in the State,  
23 the Commissioner may recommend the appropriate means and methods by which consumers  
24 shall acknowledge the absence of liability insurance coverage by a CPM.

25 **SECTION 3.** The Committee shall report its recommendations and legislative  
26 proposals to the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly on or before the  
27 convening of that session.

28 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

