

## CHAPTER 150.

### MIDWIFERY.

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**150.01 Practice.** (1) No one shall practice or attempt to practice midwifery without a recorded certificate of registration from the state board of medical examiners.

(2) This shall not affect physicians, surgeons or osteopaths, nor prohibit service where a physician, surgeon or registered midwife cannot be secured in time nor gratuitous service in emergency.

(3) The board of medical examiners may make the necessary rules and regulations governing examination and registration hereunder.

**150.02 Application.** Application may be made at time and place designated by the board, or at any regular meeting. The applicant shall present a diploma from a reputable school of midwifery, submit satisfactory evidence of good moral and professional character, and pay ten dollars, and five dollars additional for a certificate if issued. A reputable school of midwifery is one connected with a reputable hospital or sanatorium, giving a course of at least twelve months in the science and practice of midwifery and practical experience in at least twenty cases.

**150.03 Examination.** The applicant shall then take a written examination in anatomy of the female pelvis, anatomy and physiology of the organs contained in the female pelvis, symptoms, diagnosis, physiology and complications of pregnancy, diagnosis, course and management of labor and care of mother and child for the first ten days, prepared and conducted by three members of the board appointed by the president.

**150.04 Certificate.** (1) If six members of the board find the applicant qualified, it shall grant a certificate of registration, signed by the president, and secretary and attested by the seal.

(2) The recipient shall forthwith record the certificate with the register of deeds of the county in which she resides, or practices, except that in cities of the first class she shall record the certificate with the registrar of vital statistics and pay fifty cents for recording and the recording officer shall enter a memorandum giving date of certificate, name and residence of midwife and the date of recording, in a book kept for that purpose.

(3) The certificate does not authorize the use of any instrument, except to sever the umbilical cord, assisting childbirth by artificial, forcible or mechanical means, performance of version, removal of adherent placenta, nor administering, prescribing, advising or employing drug, herb or medicine other than disinfectant and ergot after redelivery of the placenta, nor authorize a midwife to practice medicine, surgery or osteopathy, or assume any title or designation tending to show that she is a practitioner of medicine or by law so recognized or authorized to grant any medical or death certificate.

**Note:** Midwife licensed under this section may not give prenatal care. 26 Atty. Gen. 236.

**150.05 Revocation.** (1) Subsections (2), (3) and (4) of section 147.20 apply to certificates of registration under this chapter.

(2) The words "immoral or unprofessional conduct" in this section mean: (a) Procuring, aiding or abetting a criminal abortion; (b) advertising in her own or any other name in a written or printed paper or document in an obscene manner derogatory to good morals, or advertising means whereby the menses can be regulated, suppressed or re-established or being in the service of anyone so advertising; (c) indulging in the drug habit; (d) conviction of an offense involving moral turpitude.

**150.06 Penalty.** Violation of this chapter shall be punished by fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars for each offense, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.