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In Senate, March 3, 2015

### An Act To Ensure the Safety of Home Birth

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Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast and

Senators: MASON of Androscoggin, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, GILLWAY of Searsport, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, SANBORN of Gorham.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 The purpose of this bill is to ensure the safety of women who choose to give birth at  
6 home or in freestanding birthing centers attended by certified professional midwives.  
7 This bill proposes to license and regulate certified professional midwives practicing in  
8 Maine. Among other things, the bill will establish:

9 1. Criteria for licensure and oversight;

10 2. A regulatory body including certified professional midwives, clients, certified  
11 nurse midwives and physicians to oversee complaint and disciplinary processes;

12 3. Procedures to allow other health care providers to consult with, collaborate with or  
13 accept transfer of care from a licensed certified professional midwife;

14 4. Procedures to allow for protected peer review for licensed certified professional  
15 midwives; and

16 5. Requirements for data collection and submission for quality improvement  
17 purposes.