



HOUSE BILL No. 5965

September 27, 2000, Introduced by Rep. Reeves and referred to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 21571.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 21571. (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION
2 (2), A HOSPITAL THAT PROVIDES OBSTETRICAL SERVICES SHALL ALLOW
3 EACH PREGNANT WOMAN WHO PRESENTS FOR DELIVERY TO CHOOSE TO HAVE
4 THE DELIVERY PERFORMED BY A PHYSICIAN LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE 15
5 OR BY A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE 15
6 WHO HAS BEEN ISSUED A SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION IN NURSE MIDWIFERY
7 UNDER SECTION 17210.

8 (2) SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY IF EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING
9 CIRCUMSTANCES OCCURS:

1 (A) THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CHOSEN BY THE PREGNANT WOMAN
2 UNDER SUBSECTION (1) IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE TO PERFORM THE
3 DELIVERY.

4 (B) IF THE PREGNANT WOMAN CHOOSES A NURSE MIDWIFE UNDER SUB-
5 SECTION (1), MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS ARISE DURING THE DELIVERY THAT
6 REQUIRE THE SERVICES OF A PHYSICIAN.