

2008

CHAPTER 15

An Act to amend *The Midwifery Act*

(Assented to May 14, 2008)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Midwifery Amendment Act, 2008*.

S.S. 1999, c.M-14.1 amended

2 *The Midwifery Act* is amended in the manner set forth in this Act.

New section 3.1

3 The following section is added after section 3:

“Duty and objects of college

3.1(1) It is the duty of the college at all times:

- (a) to serve and protect the public; and
- (b) to exercise its powers and discharge its responsibilities in the public interest and not in the interests of the members.

(2) The objects of the college are:

- (a) to regulate the practice of the profession and to govern the members in accordance with this Act and the bylaws; and
- (b) to assure the public of the knowledge, skill, proficiency and competency of members in the practice of midwifery”.

Section 17 amended

4 Clause 17(e) is repealed.

New section 20

5 Section 20 is repealed and the following substituted:

“Registration

20(1) The council may register as a member, and issue a licence to practise midwifery to, a person who produces evidence establishing to the satisfaction of the council that the person:

- (a) meets one of the following requirements:
 - (i) has successfully completed a midwifery education program that is recognized by the council;
 - (ii) has successfully completed an assessment process approved by the council that demonstrates the person’s ability to perform the entry-level competencies of midwifery;

- (iii) is registered as a midwife pursuant to the legislation of another province or territory of Canada that applies standards approved by the council, holds the equivalent of an unrestricted licence and has practised for at least one year in that province or territory;
 - (b) has successfully passed any examinations set out in the bylaws;
 - (c) has paid the prescribed fees; and
 - (d) has complied with the bylaws with respect to registration as a member.
- (2) The council may register as a member, and issue a restricted licence to practise midwifery to, a person who:
- (a) does not meet the requirements of clauses (1)(a) and (1)(b);
 - (b) agrees to practise in accordance with any conditions and restrictions set out in the restricted licence;
 - (c) has paid the prescribed fees; and
 - (d) has complied with the bylaws with respect to registration as a member.
- (3) A member granted a restricted licence to practise shall comply with the bylaws governing restricted licences”.

Section 23 amended

6 Subsection 23(1) is repealed and the following substituted:

- “(1) Subject to the terms and conditions of that member’s licence, a member may perform the following authorized practices:
- (a) assess and monitor women during normal pregnancy, labour and the post-partum period;
 - (b) conduct the spontaneous normal vaginal delivery of a baby;
 - (c) provide care to a woman and her healthy baby during a normal pregnancy, labour and post-partum period; and
 - (d) for the purposes of clauses (a) to (c):
 - (i) prescribe, dispense or administer drugs in accordance with the regulations, the regulatory bylaws made pursuant to this Act and *The Drug Schedules Regulations, 1997*;
 - (ii) order, perform or interpret diagnostic tests in accordance with the regulations, the regulatory bylaws made pursuant to this Act and *The Medical Laboratory Licensing Act, 1994*; and
 - (iii) perform invasive procedures that are prescribed in the regulations and the regulatory bylaws made pursuant to this Act”.

Coming into force

- 7** This Act comes into force on assent.