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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 264

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 264 on page 16,  
3 line 1, after "center", by inserting "shall be exclusively  
4 dedicated to serving the childbirth-related needs of women and  
5 their newborns and"; and

6 by replacing lines 8 through 26 on page 16 and lines 1 through  
7 4 on page 17 with the following:

8 "the community.

9 (A) A birth center shall not be separately licensed  
10 if it is one of the following:

11 (1) A part of a hospital; or

12 (2) A freestanding facility that is physically  
13 distinct from a hospital but is operated under a  
14 license issued to a hospital under the Hospital  
15 Licensing Act.

16 (B) A separate birth center license shall be  
17 required if the birth center is operated as:

1           (1) A part of the operation of a federally  
2           qualified health center as designated by the  
3           United States Department of Health and Human  
4           Services; or

5           (2) A facility other than one described in  
6           subparagraph (A)(1), (A)(2), or (B)(1) of this  
7           paragraph (6) whose costs are reimbursable under  
8           Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act.

9           In adopting rules for birth centers, the Department  
10          shall consider: the American Association of Birth Centers'  
11          Standards for Freestanding Birth Centers; the American  
12          Academy of Pediatrics/American College of Obstetricians  
13          and Gynecologists Guidelines for Perinatal Care; and the  
14          Regionalized Perinatal Health Care Code. The Department's  
15          rules shall stipulate the eligibility criteria for birth  
16          center admission. The Department's rules shall stipulate  
17          the necessary equipment for emergency care according to the  
18          American Association of Birth Centers' standards and any  
19          additional equipment deemed necessary by the Department.  
20          The Department's rules shall provide for a time period  
21          within which each birth center not part of a hospital must  
22          become accredited by either the Commission for the  
23          Accreditation of Freestanding Birth Centers or the Joint  
24          Commission."; and

25          on page 17, by replacing lines 13 through 24 with the

1 following:

2 "A birth center that is not operated under a hospital  
3 license shall be located within a ground travel time  
4 distance from the general acute care hospital with which  
5 the birth center maintains a contractual relationship,  
6 including a transfer agreement, as required under this  
7 paragraph, that allows for an emergency caesarian delivery  
8 to be started within 30 minutes of the decision a caesarian  
9 delivery is necessary. A birth center operating under a  
10 hospital license shall be located within a ground travel  
11 time distance from the licensed hospital that allows for an  
12 emergency caesarian delivery to be started within 30  
13 minutes of the decision a caesarian delivery is necessary.

14 The services of a collaborating physician, licensed to  
15 practice medicine in all its branches, who is certified";  
16 and

17 on page 18, by replacing lines 7 through 9 with the following:

18 "who has hospital obstetrical privileges. A physician on  
19 the clinical staff or a collaborating physician shall be  
20 available either on the premises or by phone, and in  
21 collaboration with the Director of Nursing for Midwifery  
22 Services shall develop policies defining the criteria to  
23 determine both which pregnancies are accepted as normal,  
24 uncomplicated, and low-risk, and the anesthesia services  
25 available at the center."; and

1 on page 18, line 21, after "who is", by inserting "licensed or  
2 certified in a health-related field and"; and

3 on page 19, after line 16, by inserting the following:

4 "No general anesthesia and no surgery may be performed  
5 at a birth center. The Department may by rule add birth  
6 center patient eligibility criteria or standards as it  
7 deems necessary. The Department shall by rule require each  
8 birth center to report the information which the Department  
9 shall make publicly available, which shall include, but is  
10 not limited to, the following:

11 (i) Birth center ownership.

12 (ii) Sources of payment for services.

13 (iii) Utilization data involving patient length of  
14 stay.

15 (iv) Admissions and discharges.

16 (v) Complications.

17 (vi) Transfers.

18 (vii) Unusual incidents.

19 (viii) Deaths.

20 (xi) Any other publicly reported data required  
21 under the Illinois Consumer Guide.

22 (x) Post-discharge patient status data where  
23 patients are followed for 14 days after discharge from  
24 the birth center to determine whether the mother or

1           baby developed a complication or infection."; and

2       on page 19, by replacing lines 19 through 21 with the  
3       following:

4           "shall adopt rules that are developed with consideration  
5           of: the American Association of Birth Centers' Standards  
6           for Freestanding Birth Centers; the American Academy of  
7           Pediatrics/American College of Obstetricians and  
8           Gynecologists Guidelines for Perinatal Care; and the  
9           Regionalized Perinatal Health Care Code.".