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SENATE BILL NO. 319

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO DOULAS; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION AND REGULATION OF DOULAS; ESTABLISHING VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE MEDICAID COVERAGE OF STATE-CERTIFIED DOULA SERVICES; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 37-1-401 AND 53-6-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Definitions. As used in [sections 1 through 4], the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Antepartum" means the period of pregnancy prior to labor and delivery.
- (2) "Department" means the department of labor and industry provided for in Title 2, chapter 15, part 17.
- (3) "Doula" means a trained, nonmedical professional who provides continuous physical, emotional, and informational support to a pregnant ~~person~~ woman during the antepartum or intrapartum period or during the period up to 1 year postpartum.
- (4) "Intrapartum" means the period of pregnancy after the onset of labor through delivery.
- (5) "Postpartum" means the 12-month period beginning on the last day of the pregnancy.
- (6) "State-certified doula" means a doula who has been certified by the department.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Certification requirements -- coordination with doulas. (1) A person may not practice as a state-certified doula unless certified under Title 37, chapter 1, and [sections 1 through 4].