

SENATE No. 214

By Mr. Cellucci, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 214) of Argeo Paul Cellucci, Patricia A. Walrath and Robert A. Durand for legislation to provide for prescription writing by certified nurse-midwives. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-five.

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PRESCRIPTION WRITING BY CERTIFIED
NURSE-MIDWIVES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 94C of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding the following definitions: —

3 "A nurse-midwife" who is designated by the board of
4 registration in nursing pursuant to the provisions of chapter
5 112, section eighty B may engage in the practice of midwifery;
6 provided, however, that the nurse-midwife functions as a
7 member of a health care team which includes a qualified
8 physician licensed to practice medicine in the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Subsection (g) of section 7 of said chapter 94C
2 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraphs: —

3 (1) The commissioner shall promulgate regulations which
4 provide for the registration of certified nurse-midwives to issue
5 written prescriptions for controlled substances for patients
6 who would otherwise require that: —

7 a) certified nurse-midwives issue written prescriptions
8 under the supervision of a licensed physician, who shall an-
9 nually submit to the department the names of certified nurse-
10 midwives who are prescribing under his supervision: —

11 b) that each written prescription, when ordered by a cer-
12 tified nurse-midwife shall contain the name of the physician
13 under whose supervision that certified nurse-midwife is
14 authorized to act; and

15 c) prior to promulgating regulations pursuant to this sec-

16 tion, the commissioner shall consult with the board of registra-
17 tion in medicine and the board of registration in nursing with
18 regard to those schedules of controlled substances for which
19 certified nurse-midwives may be registered.

1 SECTION 3. The first paragraph of said section 80C of said
2 chapter 112 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof
3 the following section: —

4 A person authorized by the board certified nurse-midwife
5 may issue written orders for therapeutics and tests in accor-
6 dance with regulations promulgated jointly by the board and
7 the board of registration in medicine, and may prescribe
8 medications in accordance with paragraph (1) of subsection
9 (g) of section seven of chapter ninety-four C of the General
10 Laws.

1 SECTION 4. The first sentence of section 80B of chapter 112B
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after the
3 word "dentist" in line 5, as appearing in section 2 of chapter
4 846 of the acts of 1975, the following words: — certified
5 nurse-midwives.

1 SECTION 5. The first sentence of the second paragraph of
2 said section 80B, as appearing in section 4 of chapter 595 of
3 the acts of 1957, is hereby amended by adding after the word
4 "dentist", in line 5, the following words: — certified
5 nurse-midwives.