

By Mr. Edward L. Burke, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 740) of Edward L. Burke, Argeo Paul Cellucci, Salvatore R. Albano, George Bachrach, other members of the General Court and others for legislation to provide for reimbursement by insurance companies for services performed by certified midwives. Insurance.

## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT BY INSURANCE COMPANIES  
FOR SERVICES PERFORMED 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 110 of chapter 175 of the General  
2 Laws, as most recently amended by section 16 of chapter 373  
3 of the acts of 1982 is hereby further amended by inserting after  
4 subdivision (J) the following subdivision: —

5 (K) Any blanket or general policy of insurance which is  
6 delivered or issued for delivery in the commonwealth and any  
7 employee's health and welfare fund which is promulgated or  
8 renewed to any person or group of persons in the common-  
9 wealth shall provide for benefits for expenses arising from serv-  
10 ices of a certified nurse midwife, however, that such services  
11 are reimbursed when rendered by any other duly licensed prac-  
12 titioner, and provided, further, that such services are within the  
13 lawful scope of practice for a certified nurse midwife.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following section: —

3 Section 4F. Any subscription certificate under an individual  
4 or group medical service agreement which shall be delivered or  
5 issued or renewed in this commonwealth shall provide as bene-  
6 fits to all individual subscribers and members within the com-  
7 monwealth and to all group members having a principal place

8 of employment within the commonwealth, for expenses for  
9 services of a certified nurse midwife, provided, however, that  
10 such services are reimbursed when rendered by any other duly  
11 licensed practitioner, and provided, further, that such services  
12 are within the lawful scope of practice for a certified nurse  
13 midwife.