



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 339**

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**Chairperson:** Jim Jensen  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** January 27, 2005

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Licensed Midwives (LMs) are trained and educated in the area of midwifery. The North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) administers an exam that a midwife may take, if eligible. This exam accommodates the various paths to becoming a midwife and, if passed, the certification of Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) is extended.

Currently, the practice of Midwifery in Nebraska is not legal nor is it illegal, though homebirths do occur in the state. The Technical Committee of a 407 Review on midwifery and homebirth in 1993/1994 recommended that lay midwives be licensed and regulated in Nebraska. At that time the NARM exam was not accredited. It is now accredited...

**LB 339** – Creates the Licensed Midwifery Practice Act. Licenses and regulates the Practice of Licensed Midwifery in Nebraska. This bill provides for the following:

- Licenses Midwives and allows for the use of the title “Licensed Midwife” or “LM”
- Applicants for licensure must...
  - Be a Certified Professional Midwife
  - Hold a high school degree or equivalent
  - Maintain Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification for adults and infants
- Establishes a Board of Midwifery Practice
  - Consisting of 2 LMs, 1 CNMs, 1 Physician, 1 Consumer
- Defines the practice of Licensed Midwifery

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Adrian M. Smith**