

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1230

Introduced by: Representatives Brunner, Hunt, Jensen, Kopp, Krebs, and Olson (Betty) and  
Senators Maher, Howie, and Rhoden

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to permit certain persons to assist women during pregnancy  
2 and childbirth under certain conditions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. Any person may, with the consent of the woman, assist any woman with the birth  
5 of the woman's child as well as the care of the pregnant woman, in matters concerning the  
6 pregnancy, prior to birth, and the care of the woman and child postpartum. No person rendering  
7 assistance in conformity with the provisions of this Act is engaging in the practice of medicine,  
8 nursing, or any other profession requiring licensure by the state; nor may the person be  
9 prosecuted as such.

