ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5404

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 5, 2026

The Assembly Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5404.

This bill modifies State regulation of midwives. Specifically, the bill repeals the current law requiring approval for licensure of midwives by the State Board of Medical Examiners and establishes a State Board of Midwifery. The board is to consist of 11 members and will oversee the licensure of certified midwives (CMs), certified nurse midwives (CNMs), and certified professional midwives (CPMs).

The bill:

1) delineates the responsibilities of the board, which include the approval of licensure applications; maintenance of records of each licensee; and recognition of entities accrediting midwifery education programs and national entities issuing midwifery certifications;

2) establishes continuing education requirements;

3) requires applicants to meet certain standards to qualify for a license; and

4) authorizes the State Board of Midwifery to grant individuals currently licensed as a CM, CNM, or CPM by the State Board of Medical Examiners a license at that same level.