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**LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM**  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

SENATE                      **BILL NO. 966**

To: **GOVERNOR WARREN**

Date: **July 8, 1949**

From: BEACH VASLY (WPM)

**1. SUBJECT MATTER:**

Repeals the article of the Business and Professions Code relating to the practice of midwifery, and amends section 2135 of said Code, by deleting therefrom the provisions relating to the issuance of midwife's certificates by the Board of Medical Examiners.

Excerpts from letters of legislative intent SB 966 / 1949

July 1, 1949 --to: Beach Vasey, Governor Earl Warren's. Office from: Mr. Arnerich, Dept. Professional & Vocational Standards (ie. Director of 1949 Board of Medical Examiners)

"This is almost a dead class, there having been \*\*only two applications in the last several years. {\*\*not true} As a practical matter, the people who do this work are generally nurses, and in recent years not many persons have gone into this particular practice exclusively."

Response Mr. Vasey: "Some comment should be made on the recommendation of Mr. Arnerich () with regard to midwives and nurses, for the duties and powers of the two classes are quite different. Section 2725 ...of the B\*P Code outline the duties which may be performed by nurses. All these duties are to be performed (only) under the supervision of a physician. Such is not the case with regard to midwives, for according to Section 2140 of the same Code this type of practitioner operates independently and not under the supervision of a physician. This section of the Code is not affected by this bill and all that is changed is an elimination of the provision for the issuing of the new licenses. Accordingly the present practitioners will be protected."

NOTE: Article 24 was repealed by the CMA-authored, final version of SB350!