

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Professor Kealy  
FROM: Sebastián Pacheco  
RE: Legislative History Project  
DATE: May 12, 2012

I researched the legislative history for H.3815, “An act relative to enhancing the practice of nurse midwives.” I started by downloading H.3815 from the Legislature’s website. Next, I downloaded H.3815’s “Bill History” and learned that this bill was previously named H.2369, “An act relative to enhancing the practice of nurse midwives.” Accordingly, I downloaded H.2369 from the Legislature’s website along with H.2369’s Bill History. Next, I looked up all the dates mentioned in the bill histories, for both bills, in the House and Senate journals. I, then, downloaded all House and Senate journal entries that mentioned H.3815 and H.2369. I also searched the Legislature’s website for archived video for the hearing on 4/12/11, but none was available. Instead, I downloaded the “Hearing Agenda.”

Next, I used the information in the bill histories to make a contact list. The contact list included: Representative Kay Khan (H.2369 sponsor); Committee on Public Health, Committee on Health Care Financing; House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling; Senate Committee on Ethics and Rules; and the Governor’s Office. I contacted both the Senate and House contacts for all joint committees. In addition the Senate contact for the Committee on Public Health suggested that I try the House Clerk and the Senate Clerk as well, so I added both to my contact list. I had to contact most committees more than one time. In the end, only the Committee on Public Health and the Committee on Healthcare Finance opened their files to me. From these two Committees, I received a lot of testimony, bill summaries, and bill redrafts. The

Governor's Office did not turn over the "Legislative Packet" to me. However, Representative Khan's office provided me with two useful documents.

I also searched the following databases on State House News: SHNS Archives, PR Archives, Daily Digest, Video Archives, and Audio Archives. I was able to download material from SHNS Archives, PR Archives, and Daily Digest. There was no material available on Video Archives and Audio Archives.

Finally, I studied how to do research at the State Library on the State Library website. Afterwards, I went to the State Library and conferred with the librarian to verify that I had found everything available. Lastly, I conducted a search on Westlaw, downloading the current law showing the text changes made by H.3815 and the effective dates of the changes. I was unable to find anything else on Westlaw.

I have organized all the documents in electronic format and burned them onto a CD. I will deliver the CD and this memo to Professor Kealy by May, 15 2012.