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In 2023, the General Assembly passed two laws relating to the regulation of professions and continued the regulation of notaries public for nine more years.

Under current law, someone with a master’s degree is required to have two years of clinical supervised practice before receiving a marriage and family therapist license. A person with a doctorate is only required to have one. *House Bill 23-1070* reduces the experience requirements to one year for either degree.

Beginning July 1, 2024, *Senate Bill 23-167* requires midwives who are certified by the American Midwifery Certification Board to obtain a license from the State Board of Nursing to practice. Once licensed, a certified midwife can apply to obtain provisional and full prescriptive authority contingent on meeting experience and liability insurance requirements. The bill authorizes midwives to report data to the immunization tracking system and to be a medical supervisor in clinical settings. Finally, the bill establishes

criminal penalties for misrepresenting oneself as a licensed certified midwife.

Senate Bill 23-153 implements the recommendations of the Department of Regulatory Affairs’ sunset review of the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, and continues regulation of notaries public by the Secretary of State until September 1, 2032. The bill repeals the statutory fees and requires the Secretary of State to adopt rules that establish caps for notary fees and set minimum requirements for the use of interpreters and translators in the performance of notarial acts.

Senate Bill 23-261 creates the fifteen-member Direct Care Workforce Stabilization Board within the Department of Labor and Employment to review the direct care industry and make recommendations for the development of minimum employment standards. The board is also tasked with improving communications with direct care workers about their rights and the obligations of direct care employers. The recommendations from the board to the General Assembly every two years must include standards for compensation, working hours, and other working conditions for direct care workers.

