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Bill Analysis

SB 405 clarifies the expiration term for each class of member on the Advisory Committee on Midwifery. The first class's term shall expire on January 31, 2023, the second's shall expire on January 31, 2025, and the third's shall expire on January 31, 2027. The measure authorizes the Advisory Committee on Midwifery to investigate all reported violations of Shepherd's Law and requires all information obtained during investigations to be kept confidential. Such record can be introduced by the State Department of Health in proceedings before the Committee. The measure also prohibits confidential investigative records to be subject to discovery or subpoena in any civil or criminal proceeding unless the Committee decides to give such information to law enforcement or other state agencies as necessary and appropriate. Additionally, the measure prohibits any data required to be submitted to the Department of Health pursuant to Shepherd's Law to contain any personally identifying information of the client by the midwife and it considers the records to be confidential and collected for statistical information purposes only.

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