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## STATEMENT

### Senator John Loudon Answers Concerns that Midwifery Law Could Increase Abortions

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JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. John Loudon, R-Chesterfield, today issued the following statement regarding some possible misinterpretations that Missouri’s reinstated midwifery law may lead to more abortions.

Yesterday, the Missouri Supreme Court upheld a law passed by the General Assembly in 2007 that allows certified midwives to freely practice the delivery of home-based births.

“I want to assure anyone who may have questions about the intent of Missouri’s midwifery law. Our state law makes it very clear that it applies ONLY to the delivery of live births at home.

“In Missouri, midwives can provide only pregnancy services consistent with federal law, including prenatal, delivery and postpartum services. Only these specific things constitute pregnancy services and they do not include abortions.

“Under current state law, only physicians are allowed to perform abortions. We find nothing in Missouri law to contradict that.”

-State Senator John Loudon

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