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Amend the bill in section 1 in §214 by inserting at the end the following:

‘9. Notwithstanding subsection 1, until January 1, 2020, "female genital mutilation" does not include a medical procedure that is necessary to the health of the individual on whom the medical procedure is performed, or is performed on an individual in labor or who has just given birth and is performed for medical purposes connected with that labor or birth if the individual performing the medical procedure:

A. Holds a current and valid national certification as a certified professional midwife from the national registry of midwives;

B. Is certified as a certified midwife by the national midwifery certification board; or

C. Is a person in an approved training program under the supervision of an individual described under paragraph A or B.

This subsection is repealed January 1, 2020.’

SUMMARY

The bill excludes from the definition of "female genital mutilation" certain necessary medical procedures performed by a person licensed in the State by the Board of Licensure in Medicine or the Board of Osteopathic Licensure or by a licensed midwife or a person in an approved training program under the supervision of one of these licensed professionals.

Because certified midwives and certified professional midwives are not required to be licensed in the State until January 1, 2020, this amendment clarifies that necessary medical procedures performed by a certified midwife or certified professional midwife, or by an individual in an approved training program under the supervision of a certified midwife or certified professional midwife, are also excluded from the definition of "female genital mutilation."