Dear Sir:

Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 75 (Chapter 12005, Acts 1927), approved May 28th, 1927, provides:

That from and after the passage of this Act every license to practice midwifery and other medical and/or material system of healing and every other person hereafter duly licensed to practice the same shall be recorded in a book for that purpose in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which he resides or in which such practice is intended to be carried on.

It is apparent from this provision, taken in connection with other provisions of the Act that if a physician has his license recorded in the county in which he resides and intends to practice it is necessary to have said license recorded in another county whenever he moves from one part of the State to another, or changes his abode from one part of the State to another, as the law requires that the license be recorded in the county "in which such practice is intended to be carried on."

Very truly yours,

FRED H. DAVIS, Attorney General.

Dear Sir:

Section 2 of Chapter 12005, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1927, provides:

That every person now lawfully engaged in the practice of midwifery and other medical and/or material system of healing and every other person hereafter duly licensed to practice the same shall, on or before the 1st day of January of each year, apply to the secretary of the State Board of Health for a certificate of registration upon a blank form to be furnished by such secretary and shall pay at such time a fee of one ($1.00) dollar.

Section 5 of the same Act provides:

The secretary of the State Board of Health shall issue to any duly licensed midwife and others duly licensed by any State board to practice the medical and/or material healing art upon his application therefor, in accordance with the provisions hereof, a certificate of registration under the seal of the board for the year ensuing and ending December 31st.

Construing these two sections together, it is apparent that only "duly licensed" midwives are required to apply for a certificate of registration and since there is no statute in the State of Florida at this time providing for the licensing of midwives or the practice of midwifery it is also apparent that Chapter 12005 at present has no application insofar as requiring the registration of midwives is concerned. The obvious purpose of the statute is to provide for the registration of licenses and where no licenses are provided for no registration can be had.

This is in confirmation of an opinion previously rendered to you verbally.

Cordially yours,

FRED H. DAVIS, Attorney General.