

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 92

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

CHILDREN'S CODE. Provides relative to the Safe Haven Law. (8/1/24)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 1150(4), relative to the Safe Haven Law; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to infant; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Art. 1150(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 1150. Definitions

As used in this Chapter:

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(4) "Infant" means a child not previously subjected to abuse or neglect, who is not more than sixty days old as determined within a reasonable degree of medical certainty by an examining physician. **However, if the infant was admitted to a neonatal intensive care unit upon birth and has not been discharged from the hospital, then the sixty days shall commence from the date of initial discharge.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nicholas Davison.

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DIGEST

SB 92 Engrossed

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Present law provides that "infant" means a child not previously subjected to abuse or neglect, who is not more than 60 days old as determined within a reasonable degree of medical certainty by an examining physician.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides, if the infant was admitted to a neonatal intensive care unit upon birth and has not been discharged from the hospital, then the 60 days shall commence from the date of initial discharge.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 1150(4))