
DIGEST

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HB No. 173

Abstract: Extends the definition of an infant for purposes of safe haven relinquishment to include children up to 12 months old.

Present law provides a mechanism whereby any parent may relinquish the care of an infant to the state in safety, anonymity, and without fear of prosecution.

Present law defines an infant as a child not previously subjected to abuse or neglect, who is not more than 30 days old.

Proposed law changes the age requirement in the definition of an infant from "not more than thirty days old" to "not more than 12 months old" and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends Ch. C. Art. 1150(3))