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Hazel HB No. 173

Abstract: Extends the definition of an infant for purposes of safe haven relinquishment to include children up to 60 days old.

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

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

<u>Proposed law</u> changes the age requirement in the definition of an infant <u>from</u> "not more than thirty days old" to "not more than 60 days old" and otherwise retains present law.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the original bill.

1. Changed the maximum age of an infant that may be relinquished under the safe haven provisions from 12 months to 60 days.