

By: Representatives Dickerson of the 113th, Abrams of the 89th, Gardner of the 57th, and Hugley of the 136th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 10A of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 safe place for newborns, so as to provide for signs to be posted at certain medical facilities,
3 fire stations, or police stations to indicate locations where a newborn child may be left such
4 that the mother can avoid criminal prosecution; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 10A of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe place for
9 newborns, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "19-10A-8.

11 The Department of Human Services shall develop standards for a sign that shall be posted
12 at any medical facility, fire station, or police station to inform the general public that such
13 facility is an authorized location to leave a newborn child as provided in this chapter. The
14 Department of Human Services shall provide by rule and regulation for the size and type
15 of such sign and where such sign should be located within or outside of such facility."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.