

SENATE No. 2522

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

SENATE, Wednesday, December 28, 2016

The committee on Rules, to whom was referred the House Bill relative to the safety of newborns (House, No. 114),-- reported, that the matter be placed in the Orders of the Day with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2522.

For the committee,
Mark C. Montigny

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1 SECTION 1. Section 39 1/2 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 official edition, is hereby amended by striking, in line 2, the word “7”, and inserting in place of
3 the following:- 30

4 SECTION 2. Section 39 1/2 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
5 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 5, after the word “infant” the following: -
6 ; provided, however, that a parent may dial 911 and arrange a meeting to place the newborn
7 infant in the care of a dispatched responder who shall immediately deliver the newborn infant to
8 a designated facility on the parent’s behalf.

9 SECTION 3. Section 39 1/2 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
10 striking, in line 6, in the first instance in which it appears, the word "an" and inserting in place
11 thereof the following:- and

12 SECTION 4. Section 39 1/2 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
13 inserting, in line 14, after the word “station” the following:- or to a dispatched responder

14 SECTION 5. Section 39 1/2 of said chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
15 striking out, in lines 17-18, “hospital, police department or manned fire station” and inserting in
16 place the following:- designated facility or with the dispatched responder

17 SECTION 6. Section 39 1/2 of chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
18 inserting, in line 20, after the word “51A” the following:- or the dispatched responder

19 SECTION 7. Section 39 1/2 of chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
20 inserting after the fourth paragraph the following paragraph:- The department of children and
21 families, in consultation with the executive office of public safety and security, shall promulgate
22 the regulations necessary to ensure the safety of the newborn infant from the newborns
23 placement into the care of the dispatched responder to its placement at the designated facility.

24 SECTION 8. Section 39 1/2 of chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
25 inserting, in line 28, after the word “facility” the following:- or the dispatched responder
26 accepting a newborn infant

27 SECTION 9. Section 39 1/2 of chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
28 inserting, in line 38, after the word “person” the following:- or dispatched responder

29 SECTION 10. Section 39 1/2½ of chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
30 striking, in line 91, after the word “law;” the following:- and

31 SECTION 11. Section 39 1/2 of chapter 119, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
32 inserting, in line 97, after the word “process” the following:- and (9) the frequency or
33 infrequency with which a parent places a newborn with a designated facility in comparison to
34 placement with a dispatched responder.