

1 AN ACT concerning children.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act is
5 amended by changing Section 20 as follows:

6 (325 ILCS 2/20)

7 Sec. 20. Procedures with respect to relinquished newborn
8 infants.

9 (a) Hospitals. Every hospital must accept and provide all
10 necessary emergency services and care to a relinquished
11 newborn infant, in accordance with this Act. The hospital
12 shall examine a relinquished newborn infant and perform tests
13 that, based on reasonable medical judgment, are appropriate in
14 evaluating whether the relinquished newborn infant was abused
15 or neglected.

16 The act of relinquishing a newborn infant serves as
17 implied consent for the hospital and its medical personnel and
18 physicians on staff to treat and provide care for the infant.

19 The hospital shall be deemed to have temporary protective
20 custody of a relinquished newborn infant until the infant is
21 discharged to the custody of a child welfare agency or the
22 Department. The hospital shall provide all available medical
23 records and information to the Department and the child

1 welfare agency that has accepted the referral of the infant in
2 accordance with Section 50.

3 If the person who relinquished or a person claiming to be
4 the parent of a newborn infant returns to reclaim the infant
5 within 30 days after the infant was relinquished to a
6 hospital, the hospital must inform such person of the name and
7 contact information of the child welfare agency to whom
8 custody of the infant was transferred.

9 (b) Fire stations and emergency medical facilities. Every
10 fire station and emergency medical facility must accept and
11 provide all necessary emergency services and care to a
12 relinquished newborn infant, in accordance with this Act.

13 The act of relinquishing a newborn infant serves as
14 implied consent for the fire station or emergency medical
15 facility and its emergency medical professionals to treat and
16 provide care for the infant, to the extent that those
17 emergency medical professionals are trained to provide those
18 services.

19 After the relinquishment of a newborn infant to a fire
20 station or emergency medical facility, the fire station or
21 emergency medical facility's personnel must arrange for the
22 transportation of the infant to the nearest hospital as soon
23 as transportation can be arranged.

24 If the person who relinquished or a person claiming to be
25 the parent of a newborn infant returns to reclaim the infant
26 within 30 days after the infant was relinquished to a fire

1 station or emergency medical facility, the fire station or
2 emergency medical facility must inform such person of the name
3 and location of the hospital to which the infant was
4 transported.

5 (c) Police stations. Every police station must accept a
6 relinquished newborn infant, in accordance with this Act.
7 After the relinquishment of a newborn infant to a police
8 station, the police station must arrange for the
9 transportation of the infant to the nearest hospital as soon
10 as transportation can be arranged. The act of relinquishing a
11 newborn infant serves as implied consent for the hospital to
12 which the infant is transported and that hospital's medical
13 personnel and physicians on staff to treat and provide care
14 for the infant.

15 If the person who relinquished or a person claiming to be
16 the parent of a newborn infant returns to reclaim the infant
17 within 30 days after the infant was relinquished to a police
18 station, the police station must inform such person of the
19 name and location of the hospital to which the infant was
20 transported.

21 (Source: P.A. 103-501, eff. 1-1-24.)