

Newborn Infant Protection Act—Anonymity of Parent Surrendering an Infant; HB 2577

HB 2577 amends the Newborn Infant Protection Act (Act) to expand the list of locations where an infant can be surrendered to include police stations, sheriff's offices, and law enforcement centers. Additionally, the bill protects disclosure of the name or other identifiable information of a parent or custodian who voluntarily surrenders physical custody of an infant under the Act, unless there is reasonable suspicion the infant has been abused, and protects the person or facility receiving the infant from civil and criminal liability for any action taken under the Act.

The parent or custodian is not required to reveal personally identifiable information but can offer information concerning the infant's familial or medical history. The bill also clarifies that the person or facility to whom an infant is delivered is prohibited from revealing the name or other identifiable information of the person who delivered the infant, unless there is reasonable suspicion the infant has been abused.