



HOUSE BILL 74:

House Budget Technical Corrections, Sec. 5.4:

Clarification on Safe Surrender of Infants

2025-2026 General Assembly

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Section 5.4 of S.L. 2025-4 (House Bill 74) provides that a parent who safely surrenders an infant less than 30 days old will not be prosecuted under the misdemeanor child abuse statute for any acts or omissions related to the care of that infant, which harmonizes the misdemeanor child abuse statute with the same change previously made in other statutes. This section also provides that the safe surrender of an infant less than 30 days old can be treated as a mitigating factor in sentencing for a felony child abuse conviction.

This section became effective May 14, 2025.

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