

## S.F. No. 1726 – Safe Place for Newborns; Vital Records

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**Section 1. Reporting safe place newborn births.** Requires a hospital that receives a safe place newborn to report the newborn's birth to the Office of Vital Records within five days after receiving the newborn. Requires the state registrar to register information about the newborn according to provisions in vital records rules for infants of unknown parentage. Effective August 1, 2021.

**Section 2. Status of safe place birth registrations.** Specifies that information registered with the Office of Vital Records for a safe place newborn constitutes the birth record for the child. Classifies the birth record as confidential data on individuals. Limits disclosure of the birth record or birth certificate to only the responsible social services agency or pursuant to court order. If the safe place newborn's record of birth was previously registered, requires the Office of Vital Records to replace the original birth record. Effective August 1, 2021.

**Section 3. Safe place newborns.** Requires the state registrar to issue a replacement birth record for a child received as a safe place newborn if the newborn's birth was previously registered and requires the replacement record to not identify a parent. Classifies the prior vital record as confidential data on individuals and prohibits disclosure of the prior vital record except according to court order. Effective August 1, 2021.

**Section 4. Which services are for fee.** Exempts a replacement birth record issued for a safe place newborn from the \$40 fee that generally is charged for replacement vital records. Effective August 1, 2021.

**Section 5. Give life a chance; safe place for newborns duties; immunity.** Clarifies that the hospital where the newborn was born may be a safe place that receives the relinquished infant. Authorizes the safe place to ask the person leaving the newborn if the newborn has lineage to an Indian tribe and, if known, the name of the tribe. If a hospital receives a relinquished newborn under this section, requires the hospital to report the newborn's birth to the Office of Vital Records. Also specifies duties of the hospital and the state registrar for a newborn whose birth was previously registered with the Office of Vital Records. Effective August 1, 2021.