

House Bill 1071

By: Representatives Dickerson of the 113th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Stephenson of the 90th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Carter of the 92nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 10A of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 safe place for newborns, so as to provide for signs to be posted at certain medical facilities
3 to indicate locations where a newborn child may be left such that the mother can avoid
4 criminal prosecution; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 10A of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe place for
9 newborns, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "19-10A-8.

11 The Department of Community Health shall develop a sign that shall be posted at any
12 medical facility to inform the general public that such facility is an authorized location to
13 leave a newborn child as provided in this article. The Department of Community Health
14 shall provide by rule and regulation for the size and type of such sign and where it should
15 be located within or outside of such facility."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.