

House Bill 513 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Dickerson of the 113th, Abrams of the 89th, Gardner of the 57th, and Hugley of the 136th

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 standards for a sign that shall be
12 posted at any medical facility to inform the general public that such facility is an authorized
13 location to leave a newborn child as provided in this chapter. The Department of
14 Community Health shall provide by rule and regulation for the size and type of such sign
15 and where it should 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17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.