

On June 26, 2000, Michigan enacted the Safe Delivery of Newborns law with an effective date of January 1, 2001. The law was amended in 2002, 2003, 2006, and 2010.

[Act No. 349, PA 2010 \(SB 1119, 2009-2010\)](#)

Amends Section 15 of the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law.

[Act No. 348, PA 2010 \(SB 1118, 2009-2010\)](#)

Amends Section 17 of the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law.

[Act No. 488, PA 2006 \(SB 1292, 2005-2006\)](#)

Amends Sections 1, 3, 7, 10, 11, 15 and 17 of the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law.

[Act No. 245, PA 2003 \(SB 710, 2002-2003\)](#)

Amends Section 20 of the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law.

[Act No. 688, PA2002, \(HB 5995, 2002-2003\)](#)

Amends Section 3 of the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law.

[Act No. 232, PA 2000 \(SB 1052, 1999-2000\)](#)

Added the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law, Chapter XII to the Probate Code and amended the Juvenile Code, Chapter XIIA of the Probate Code.

[Act No. 233, PA 2000 \(SB 1053, 1999-2000\)](#)

Amended the Penal Code to provide an affirmative defense to a child abandonment prosecution if the child is not more than 72 hours old and was surrendered to an emergency service provider.

[Act No. 234, PA 2000 \(SB 1187, 1999-2000\)](#)

Amends the Child Protection Law specifying that the act of surrendering a child to an emergency service provider is not a reasonable cause to suspect child abuse and/or neglect and the physician is not required to report the surrender unless there are actual signs of abuse and/or neglect. New Section 8 (16) on page 3.

[Act No. 235, PA 2000 \(HB 5543, 1999-2000\)](#)

Added provisions to Chapter XII of the Probate Code to establish a Safe Delivery program, which must include a toll-free number and a pamphlet about the program.

Michigan Compiled Laws (712.1-712.20)

[Section 712.1](#) Short title of chapter; definitions.

[Section 712.2](#) Newborn surrendered to emergency service provider; court jurisdiction; effect of other provisions of law; immunity from civil action.

Section 712.2a	Closed hearings and confidential records; unauthorized dissemination of information as misdemeanor; civil liability.
Section 712.3	Conduct of emergency service provider.
Section 712.5	Transfer of newborn to hospital; physician report of abuse, neglect, or child not a newborn; notice to child placing agency.
Section 712.7	Duties of child placing agency.
Section 712.10	Custody action by biological parent; filing; hearing.
Section 712.11	Paternity or maternity testing order upon petition for custody and filing of report; presumption of paternity or maternity; summary disposition; payment of costs of testing.
Section 712.12	Repealed by Act No. 488, PA 2006.
Section 712.13	Repealed by Act No. 488, PA 2006.
Section 712.14	Determination of custody; basis; newborn's best interest; factors.
Section 712.15	Court order.
Section 712.17	Release and termination of parental rights.
Section 712.20	Safe delivery program; establishment.

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