



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6549

LCO No. 2319



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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
REP. DAUPHINAIS, 44th Dist.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING HOSPITALS TO INSTALL DEVICES ON AN EXTERIOR WALL OF AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT TO FACILITATE THE VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF INFANTS TO EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT STAFF.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 368v of the general statutes be amended to authorize
- 2 hospitals to install a climate-controlled device on an exterior wall of an
- 3 emergency department that includes (1) a bassinet, (2) an exterior door
- 4 that automatically locks upon being closed, and (3) an alarm that sounds
- 5 to alert hospital staff that such device has been used.

Statement of Purpose:

To prevent infant abandonment and provide a safe and legal option for parents in crisis to voluntarily surrender an infant to emergency department staff.