



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

**Proposed Bill No. 6552**

LCO No. 2561



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
REP. VEACH, 30th 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.