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Section 1400.30 Safe Infants Act

Purpose

The Kentucky Safe Infants Act allows parents of newborn babies (less than 72 hours old), or a person acting on behalf of a parent, to anonymously leave the infant at a safe place (I.e. EMS station, police station, fire station or a hospital) without fear of prosecution (KRS 405.075). The infant must not have indications of mistreatment, abuse or neglect after birth. If the parent leaves the infant and expresses no intent to return for the infant, the parent has the right to:

- Remain anonymous
- Leave at any time
- Not be pursued, and
- Shall not be considered to have abandoned or endangered the infant.

Policy

It shall be the policy of the Shively Police Department that if an infant that appears to be under seventy-two hours old is delivered to a member of the Shively Police Department by a parent or person acting on behalf of the parent, the employee, if not sworn, will immediately call for an officer to come to the station. The officer shall immediately arrange for the infant to be taken to the nearest hospital emergency room by EMS. The officer has implied consent for any and all appropriate medical treatment of the infant. The officer shall ask the person delivering the baby to complete a Medical Information for Newborn Infants form. This form can be located on the Cabinet for Families and Children website at:

<http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dpp/KYSafeInfants/>

This form is voluntary on the part of the parent or person acting on behalf of the parent and can be completed at the time that the infant is surrendered or the form may be mailed to the address at the bottom of the form. The information on the form will not be used to identify the parent.

The officer shall also inform the parent, or the person acting on behalf of the parent, that they may change their mind about giving up the baby within thirty (30) days. If they do change their mind, the parent must contact the Cabinet for Families and Children at the number provided on the Medical Information for Newborn Infants form (KRS 620.350).

The officer shall not let personal feelings cloud their judgment towards the person leaving the infant. The officer shall not detain, follow or pursue the parent or person acting on behalf of the parent. The officer shall not coerce or otherwise force the parent, or person acting on behalf of the parent, to reveal his/her identity or force the parent to keep the infant. Nor shall the officer coerce or otherwise force the parent to give medical information.