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H.B. No. 3759

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the emergency possession of certain abandoned children by designated emergency infant care providers and the termination of parental rights to those children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 262.302, Family Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) A designated emergency infant care provider shall, without a court order, take possession of a child who appears to be younger than one year ~~[60 days]~~ old ~~[or younger]~~ if:

(1) the child is voluntarily delivered to the provider by the child's parent by:

(A) leaving the child with an employee of the provider; or

(B) placing the child in a newborn safety device located inside the provider's facilities; and

(2) the parent did not express an intent to return for the child.

(a-1) A parent who voluntarily delivers the parent's child to a designated emergency infant care provider under Subsection (a) is considered to have voluntarily relinquished the parent's parental rights to the child.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.