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H.B. No. 4336

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the emergency possession of a newborn by employees of a
hospital.

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

SECTION 1. Section 262.302(a), Family Code, is amended 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
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, including surrendering a child to an employee of a
hospital immediately after giving birth to the child; 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.

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