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Statement of Changes from

HB 64 (34-LS0440A)

to

CSHB 64 (JUD) (34-LS0440N)

SURRENDER OF INFANTS; INF. SAFETY DEVICE

“An Act relating to confidential labor and delivery; relating to birth certificates; relating to the surrender of infants; and providing for an effective date.”

New title from previous version.

Section 1. New from previous version. Adds a new article to AS 18.20 (Hospitals and Nursing Facilities) requiring hospitals and birthing facilities to provide confidential labor and delivery services upon request; allows individuals in labor to receive care under an assumed name and prohibits the hospital from attempting to identify the individual except to collect health insurance information; requires hospital to provide confidential birth patients with informational materials provided by the Department of Health; and imposes records keeping requirements to safeguard patient confidentiality.

Section 2. New from previous version. Amends AS 18.50.160 (Birth Registration) by adding a new subsection to provide that the name of an individual who gives birth confidentially *and* who surrenders the infant under existing safe surrender law may not be entered on the birth certificate.

Section 3. New from previous version. Amends AS 25.20.025 (Examination and Treatment of Minors), which allows minors to consent to medical treatment related to pregnancy, to explicitly include confidential labor and delivery.

Section 4. New from previous version. Adds a new subsection to AS 44.29.020 (Duties of the Department of Health) requiring the department to publish information regarding confidential birth on its website and develop written informational materials for distribution to individuals who request to give birth confidentially.

Sections 5 to 9. Renumbered from previous version. Otherwise unchanged.