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**SB 9 Version O – Sectional Analysis**

**SURRENDER OF INFANTS; INF. SAFETY DEVICE**

**"An Act relating to the surrender of infants; and providing for an effective date."**

**Section 1: AS 47.10.013 (c) Page 1, Lines 3-15 Page 2, Lines 1-18.**

Authorizes an infant safety device as a method a parent may safely surrender an infant. Establishes appropriate locations for devices.

**Section 2: AS 47.10.013(d) Page 2, Line 19-31, Page 3, Lines 1-2.**

Amends AS 47.10.013(d) with conforming statutory references as made in section one.

**Section 3: AS 47.10.013(e) Page 3, Line 3-6.**

Amends AS 47.10.013(e) with conforming language which adds “designated” to authorized facilities.

**Section 4: AS 47.10.013 Page 3, Lines 7-31, Page 4, Lines 1 -17.**

Requires a designated facility to notify the nearest office of the Department of Family and Community Services that an infant has been surrendered. Establishes requirements for infant safety devices, including a conspicuous location, climate-control, appropriate signage, installation and maintenance in accordance with both the manufacturer's guidelines and department regulations, and required monthly inspections by designated facility and annual inspections by the manufacturer or the manufacture's designee. Appropriate signage must include a phone number for a support service for parents in crisis, list of alternatives to using the device, and statement clarifying that device use may lead to involuntary termination of the parent's rights and release of the child for adoption or other permanent placement. Requires all infant safety devices to be equipped with an automatic 911 emergency dispatch request system, 24-hour video surveillance system, and automatic security lock. The Department may provide training to employees of a designated facility regarding implementation and compliance with Alaska safe surrender laws. If the Department determines that the surrendered infant is an Indian child, the Department shall contact the Indian child’s tribe immediately.

**Section 5: Page 4, Line 18.**

Establishes an effective date for the bill of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

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