



Give Your Baby a Chance at Life

In desperate situations, some parents feel the need to abandon their infant children. Because this is happening more and more, Texas created a law (House Bill 706 of the 77th Legislative Session) to give these parents the option to leave their infant child with a designated emergency infant care provider such as a Fire Station, Police Department, or a hospital.

One purpose of this law, named the “Baby Moses Law” is to provide a safe alternative for infants, less than 60 days old, to have an opportunity to get immediate care and reduce the number of infants found abandoned, harmed, and/or dead. The law also protects parents who are unable to care for their infant child, to deliver their baby unharmed to a designated emergency infant care provider, from criminal charges.

Recent changes to the Baby Moses Law include:

- ◆ The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services may now assume the person who dropped off the child is a biological parent, whose intent is to relinquish parental rights and;
- ◆ Court records or any other record that identifies a parent who drops a child off under the Baby Moses Law are confidential not subject public information laws.

For more information, call the toll free information line at 1-877-904-SAVE (7283). (Operated by Harris County Protective Services)