

# SENATE BILL No. 710

September 18, 2003, Introduced by Senators JOHNSON, BIRKHOLZ, HAMMERSTROM  
and GARCIA and referred to the Committee on Families and Human Services.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 288, entitled  
"Probate code of 1939,"  
by amending section 20 of chapter XII (MCL 712.20), as added by  
2000 PA 235.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

### CHAPTER XII

Sec. 20. ~~—(1)—~~ The department of community health in  
conjunction with the department shall establish a safe delivery  
program. The safe delivery program shall include, but is not  
limited to, both of the following:

(a) A toll-free, 24-hour telephone line. The information  
provided with this telephone line shall include, but is not  
limited to, all of the following:

(i) Information on prenatal care and the delivery of a  
newborn.

1           (ii) Names of health agencies that can assist in obtaining  
2 services and supports that provide for the pregnancy-related  
3 health of the mother and the health of the baby.

4           (iii) Information on adoption options and the name and  
5 telephone number of a child placing agency that can assist a  
6 parent or expecting parent in obtaining adoption services.

7           (iv) Information that, in order to safely provide for the  
8 health of the mother and her newborn, the best place for the  
9 delivery of a child is in a hospital, hospital-based birthing  
10 center, or birthing center that is accredited by the commission  
11 for the accreditation of birth centers.

12          (v) An explanation that, to the extent of the law, prenatal  
13 care and delivery services are routinely confidential within the  
14 health care system, if requested by the mother.

15          (vi) Information that a hospital will take into protective  
16 custody a newborn that is surrendered as provided for in this  
17 chapter and, if needed, provide emergency medical assistance to  
18 the mother, the newborn, or both.

19          (vii) Information regarding legal and procedural requirements  
20 related to the voluntary surrender of a child as provided for in  
21 this chapter.

22          (viii) Information regarding the legal consequences for  
23 endangering a child, including child protective service  
24 investigations and potential criminal penalties.

25          (ix) Information that surrendering a newborn for adoption as  
26 provided in this chapter is an affirmative defense to charges of  
27 abandonment as provided in section 135 of the Michigan penal

1 code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.135.

2 (x) Information about resources for counseling and assistance  
3 with crisis management.

4 (b) A pamphlet that provides information to the public  
5 concerning the safe delivery program. The department of  
6 community health and the department shall jointly publish and  
7 distribute the pamphlet. The pamphlet shall prominently display  
8 the toll-free telephone number prescribed by subdivision (a).

9 ~~(2) This section is repealed 3 years after its effective~~  
10 ~~date.~~