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## **SENATE BILL No. 1292**

June 7, 2006, Introduced by Senators JOHNSON, HAMMERSTROM, TOY, McMANUS, BIRKHOLZ, GEORGE, EMERSON, STAMAS, GARCIA, CROPSEY, BROWN, HARDIMAN, JELINEK, PATTERSON, GILBERT, VAN WOERKOM, GOSCHKA, KUIPERS, CHERRY, ALLEN, BISHOP, BARCIA, SIKKEMA, PRUSI, JACOBS and WHITMER and referred to the Committee on Families and Human Services.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 288, entitled

"Probate code of 1939,"

by amending sections 1, 3, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 17 of chapter XII (MCL 712.1, 712.3, 712.7, 712.10, 712.11, 712.14, 712.15, and 712.17), sections 1, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 17 as added by 2000 PA 232 and section 3 as amended by 2002 PA 688, and by adding section 2a to chapter XII; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 CHAPTER XII

Sec. 1. (1) This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "safe delivery of newborns law".

- (2) As used in this chapter:
- (a) "Child placing agency" means that term as defined in

- 1 section 1 of 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111.
- 2 (b) "Court" means the family division of circuit court.
- 3 (c) "Department" means the <u>family independence agency</u>
- 4 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.
- 5 (D) "DNA IDENTIFICATION PROFILE" AND "DNA IDENTIFICATION
- 6 PROFILING" MEAN THOSE TERMS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF THE
- 7 PATERNITY ACT, 1956 PA 205, MCL 722.711.
- 8 (E)  $\frac{(d)}{(d)}$  "Domestic violence" means that term as defined in
- 9 section 1 of 1978 PA 389, MCL 400.1501.
- 10 (F) (e) "Emergency service provider" means a uniformed or
- 11 otherwise identified employee or contractor of a fire department,
- 12 hospital, or police station when -such an THAT individual is
- inside the premises and on duty. EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDER
- 14 INCLUDES A FIREFIGHTER, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, PARAMEDIC,
- 15 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES
- 16 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE COURSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S
- 17 EMPLOYMENT WHEN THAT INDIVIDUAL IS RESPONDING TO A 9-1-1 EMERGENCY
- 18 CALL.
- 19 (G) (f)— "Fire department" means an organized fire department
- 20 as that term is defined in section 1 of the fire prevention code,
- 21 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.1.
- 22 (H)  $\frac{(g)}{}$  "Gross negligence" means conduct so reckless as to
- 23 demonstrate a substantial lack of concern for whether an injury
- 24 results.
- 25 (I)  $\frac{h}{h}$  "Hospital" means a hospital that is licensed under
- 26 article 17 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20101 to
- **27** 333.22260.

- 1 (J) "IDENTIFYING INFORMATION" MEANS THAT TERM AS DESCRIBED IN
- 2 SECTION 27(3) OF CHAPTER X.
- 3 (K) —(i) "Lawyer-guardian ad litem" means an attorney
- 4 appointed under section 2 of this chapter. A lawyer-guardian ad
- 5 litem represents the newborn, and has the powers and duties, as set
- 6 forth in section 17d of chapter XIIA.
- 7 (1) "PARENT" MEANS A NEWBORN'S MOTHER OR A MAN MARRIED TO A
- 8 NEWBORN'S MOTHER AT ANY TIME FROM THE NEWBORN'S CONCEPTION TO
- 9 BIRTH, OR BOTH. IF A NEWBORN'S MOTHER IS UNMARRIED FROM THE
- 10 NEWBORN'S CONCEPTION TO BIRTH, PARENT INCLUDES THE NEWBORN'S
- 11 BIOLOGICAL FATHER.
- 12 (M) -(j) "Newborn" means a child who a physician reasonably
- 13 believes to be not more than 72 hours old.
- 14 (N)  $\frac{(k)}{(k)}$  "Police station" means that term as defined in
- 15 section 43 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.43.
- 16 (0)  $\frac{-(l)}{-(l)}$  "Preplacement assessment" means an assessment of a
- 17 prospective adoptive parent as described in section 23f of chapter
- **18** X.
- 19 (P) -(m) "Surrender" means to leave a newborn with an
- 20 emergency service provider without expressing an intent to return
- 21 for the newborn.
- 22 SEC. 2A. (1) A HEARING UNDER THIS CHAPTER IS CLOSED TO THE
- 23 PUBLIC. A RECORD OF A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS CHAPTER IS
- 24 CONFIDENTIAL, EXCEPT THAT THE RECORD IS AVAILABLE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL
- 25 WHO IS A PARTY TO THAT PROCEEDING.
- 26 (2) ALL CHILD PLACING AGENCY RECORDS CREATED UNDER THIS
- 27 CHAPTER ARE CONFIDENTIAL EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE

- 1 PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.
- 2 (3) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DISCLOSES IDENTIFYING INFORMATION
- 3 WITHOUT A COURT ORDER OR SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION UNDER FEDERAL OR
- 4 STATE LAW IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR
- 5 NOT MORE THAN 93 DAYS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$100.00, OR BOTH.
- 6 AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DISCLOSES IDENTIFYING INFORMATION WITHOUT A COURT
- 7 ORDER OR SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IS
- 8 CIVILLY LIABLE FOR DAMAGES PROXIMATELY CAUSED BY DISCLOSURE OF THAT
- 9 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.
- 10 Sec. 3. (1) If a parent surrenders a child who may be a
- 11 newborn to an emergency service provider, the emergency service
- 12 provider shall comply with the requirements of this section under
- 13 the assumption that the child is a newborn. The emergency service
- 14 provider shall, without a court order, immediately accept the
- 15 newborn, taking the newborn into temporary protective custody. The
- 16 emergency service provider shall make a reasonable effort to do all
- 17 of the following:
- 18 (a) Take action necessary to protect the physical health and
- 19 safety of the newborn.
- 20 (b) Inform the parent that by surrendering the newborn, the
- 21 parent is releasing the newborn to a child placing agency to be
- 22 placed for adoption.
- 23 (c) Inform the parent that the parent has 28 days to petition
- 24 the court to regain custody of the newborn.
- 25 (d) Provide the parent with written material approved by or
- 26 produced by the <u>family independence agency</u> **DEPARTMENT** that
- 27 includes, but is not limited to, all of the following statements:

- 1 (i) By surrendering the newborn, the parent is releasing the
- 2 newborn to a child placing agency to be placed for adoption.
- (ii) The parent has 28 days after surrendering the newborn to
- 4 petition the court to regain custody of the newborn.
- 5 (iii) After the 28-day period to petition for custody elapses,
- 6 there will be a hearing to **DETERMINE AND** terminate parental rights.
- 7 (iv) There will be public notice of this hearing, and the
- 8 notice will not contain the parent's name.
- 9 (v) The parent will not receive personal notice of this
- 10 hearing.
- 11 (vi) Information the parent provides to an emergency service
- 12 provider will not be made public.
- (vii) A parent can contact the safe delivery line established
- 14 under section 20 of this chapter for more information.
- 15 (2) After providing a parent with the information described in
- 16 subsection (1), an emergency service provider shall make a
- 17 reasonable attempt to do all of the following:
- (a) Encourage the parent to provide any relevant family or
- 19 medical information.
- 20 (b) Provide the parent with the pamphlet produced under
- 21 section 20 of this chapter and inform the parent that he or she can
- 22 receive counseling or medical attention.
- 23 (c) Inform the parent that information that he or she provides
- 24 will not be made public.
- 25 (d) Ask the parent to identify himself or herself.
- (e) Inform the parent that in order to place the newborn for
- 27 adoption the state is required to make a reasonable attempt to

- 1 identify the other parent, and then ask the parent to identify the
- 2 other parent.
- 3 (f) Inform the parent that the child placing agency that takes
- 4 temporary protective custody of the newborn can provide
- 5 confidential services to the parent.
- 6 (g) Inform the parent that the parent may sign a release for
- 7 the newborn which THAT may be used at the parental rights
- 8 termination hearing UNDER THIS CHAPTER.
- 9 (3) A newborn whose birth is described in the born alive
- 10 infant protection act, 2002 PA 687, MCL 333.1071 TO 333.1073, and
- 11 who is in a hospital setting or transferred to a hospital under
- 12 section 3(1) of the born alive infant protection act, 2002 PA 687,
- 13 MCL 333.1073, is a newborn surrendered as provided in this -act
- 14 CHAPTER. An emergency service provider who has received a newborn
- 15 pursuant to UNDER the born alive infant protection act, 2002 PA
- 16 687, MCL 333.1071 TO 333.1073, shall do all of the following:
- 17 (a) Comply with the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) to
- 18 obtain information from or supply information to the surrendering
- 19 parent by requesting the information from or supplying the
- 20 information to the attending physician who delivered the newborn.
- 21 (b) Make no attempt to directly contact the parent or parents
- 22 of the newborn.
- 23 (c) Provide humane comfort care if the newborn is determined
- 24 to have no chance of survival due to gestational immaturity in
- 25 light of available neonatal medical treatment or other condition
- 26 incompatible with life.
- 27 Sec. 7. Upon receipt of notice from a hospital under section 5

- 1 of this chapter, the child placing agency shall do all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) Immediately assume the care, control, and temporary
- 4 protective custody of the newborn.
- 5 (b) If a parent is known and willing, immediately meet with
- 6 the parent.
- 7 (c) -Make- UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, MAKE
- 8 a temporary placement of the newborn with a prospective adoptive
- 9 parent who has an approved preplacement assessment. and resides
- 10 within the state. IF A PETITION FOR CUSTODY IS FILED UNDER SECTION
- 11 10 OF THIS CHAPTER, THE CHILD PLACING AGENCY MAY MAKE A TEMPORARY
- 12 PLACEMENT OF THE NEWBORN WITH A LICENSED FOSTER PARENT.
- 13 (d) Immediately UNLESS THE BIRTH WAS WITNESSED BY THE
- 14 EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDER, IMMEDIATELY request assistance from law
- 15 enforcement officials to investigate and determine, through the
- 16 missing children information clearinghouse, the national center for
- 17 missing and exploited children, and any other national and state
- 18 resources, whether the newborn is a missing child.
- 19 (e) Not later than 48 hours after a transfer of physical
- 20 custody to a prospective adoptive parent, petition the court in the
- 21 county in which the prospective adoptive parent resides to provide
- 22 authority to place the newborn and provide care for the newborn.
- 23 The petition shall include all of the following:
- 24 (i) The date of the transfer of physical custody.
- (ii) The name and address of the emergency service provider to
- 26 whom the newborn was surrendered.
- 27 (iii) Any information, either written or verbal, that was

- 1 provided by and to the parent who surrendered the newborn. The
- 2 emergency service provider that originally accepted the newborn as
- 3 required by section 3 of this chapter shall provide this
- 4 information to the child placing agency.
- 5 (f) Within 28 days, make reasonable efforts to identify, and
- 6 locate, -a parent who did not surrender the newborn- AND PROVIDE
- 7 NOTICE OF THE SURRENDER OF THE NEWBORN TO THE NONSURRENDERING
- 8 PARENT. THE CHILD PLACING AGENCY SHALL FILE A WRITTEN REPORT WITH
- 9 THE COURT THAT ISSUED THE ORDER PLACING THE CHILD, WHICH REPORT
- 10 ESTABLISHES THE EFFORTS THE CHILD PLACING AGENCY MADE IN ATTEMPTING
- 11 TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE THE NONSURRENDERING PARENT AND THE RESULTS
- 12 OF THOSE EFFORTS. If the identity and address of that parent are
- 13 unknown, the child placing agency shall provide notice OF THE
- 14 SURRENDER OF THE NEWBORN by publication in a newspaper of general
- 15 circulation in the county where the newborn was surrendered.
- 16 Sec. 10. (1) If a <u>biological</u> SURRENDERING parent wants
- 17 custody of a newborn who was surrendered under section 3 of this
- 18 chapter, the parent -must SHALL, within 28 days after the newborn
- 19 was surrendered, file -an action A PETITION with the court for
- 20 custody. —The— NOT LATER THAN 28 DAYS AFTER NOTICE OF SURRENDER OF
- 21 A NEWBORN HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, AN INDIVIDUAL CLAIMING TO BE THE
- 22 NONSURRENDERING PARENT OF THAT NEWBORN MAY FILE A PETITION WITH THE
- 23 COURT AND REQUEST THE COURT TO AWARD CUSTODY OF THE SURRENDERED
- 24 NEWBORN TO THE PETITIONER. THE SURRENDERING PARENT OR
- 25 NONSURRENDERING parent shall file the -custody action- PETITION in
- 26 1 of the following counties:
- 27 (a) If the parent has located the newborn, the county where

- 1 the newborn is located.
- 2 (b) If subdivision (a) does not apply and the parent knows the
- 3 location of the emergency service provider to whom the newborn was
- 4 surrendered, the county where the emergency service provider is
- 5 located.
- 6 (c) If neither subdivision (a) nor (b) apply, the county where
- 7 the parent is located.
- 8 (2) IF THE COURT IN WHICH THE PETITION IS FILED DID NOT ISSUE
- 9 THE ORDER PLACING THE NEWBORN, THE COURT IN WHICH THE PETITION IS
- 10 FILED SHALL LOCATE AND CONTACT THE COURT THAT ISSUED THE ORDER AND
- 11 SHALL TRANSFER THE PROCEEDINGS TO THAT COURT.
- 12 (3) -(2) Before holding a custody hearing -in an action ON A
- 13 PETITION filed under this section AND NOT LATER THAN 7 DAYS AFTER A
- 14 PETITION UNDER THIS SECTION HAS BEEN FILED, the court shall
- 15 determine whether the individual filing the custody action is the
- 16 newborn's biological parent CONDUCT A HEARING TO MAKE THE
- 17 DETERMINATIONS REQUIRED IN SECTION 14 OF THIS CHAPTER.
- 18 Sec. 11. (1) In a **PETITION FOR** custody <del>action</del> filed under
- 19 this chapter, the court -shall MAY order -that THE CHILD AND each
- 20 party claiming paternity or maternity -and the child TO submit to
- 21 blood or tissue typing determinations -, which may include, but are
- 22 not limited to, determinations of red cell antigens, red cell
- 23 isoenzymes, human leukocyte antigens, serum proteins, or DNA
- 24 identification profiling, to determine whether each party is likely
- 25 to be, or is not, a biological parent of the child. If the court
- 26 orders a blood or tissue typing or DNA identification profiling to
- 27 be conducted and a party refuses to submit to the typing or DNA

- 1 identification profiling, in addition to any other remedies
- 2 available, the court may do either of the following: OR DNA
- 3 IDENTIFICATION PROFILING, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 16 OF THE
- 4 PATERNITY ACT, 1958 PA 205, MCL 722.716.
- 5 (a) Dismiss the custody action in regard to the party who
- 6 refuses.
- 7 (b) If a hearing is held, allow the disclosure of the fact of
- 8 the refusal unless good cause is shown for not disclosing the fact
- 9 of refusal.
- 10 (2) A blood or tissue typing or DNA identification profiling
- 11 shall be conducted by a person accredited for paternity or
- 12 maternity determinations by a nationally recognized scientific
- 13 organization, including, but not limited to, the American
- 14 association of blood banks.
- 15 (3) The court shall fix the compensation of an expert at a
- 16 reasonable amount. Except for an individual who the court
- 17 determines is indigent, the court shall direct each party claiming
- 18 paternity or maternity to pay the compensation for his or her own
- 19 testing plus a portion of the compensation for testing the child
- 20 equal to the total amount divided by the number of parties claiming
- 21 paternity and maternity. Before blood or tissue typing or DNA
- 22 identification profiling is conducted, the court may order a part
- 23 or all of the compensation paid in advance. Documentation of the
- 24 genetic testing expenses is admissible as evidence of the amount,
- 25 which evidence constitutes prima facie evidence of the amount of
- 26 those expenses without third party foundation testimony.
- 27 (2) IF THE PROBABILITY OF PATERNITY OR MATERNITY DETERMINED BY

- 1 THE BLOOD OR TISSUE TYPING OR DNA IDENTIFICATION PROFILING IS 99%
- 2 OR HIGHER AND THE DNA IDENTIFICATION PROFILE AND SUMMARY REPORT ARE
- 3 ADMISSIBLE, PATERNITY OR MATERNITY IS PRESUMED AND THE PETITIONER
- 4 MAY MOVE FOR SUMMARY DISPOSITION ON THE ISSUE OF PATERNITY OR
- 5 MATERNITY.
- 6 (3) THE COURT MAY ORDER THE PETITIONER TO PAY ALL OR PART OF
- 7 THE COST OF THE PATERNITY OR MATERNITY TESTING.
- 8 (4) IF THE RESULT OF THE PATERNITY OR MATERNITY TESTING IS
- 9 ADMISSIBLE AND ESTABLISHES THAT THE PETITIONER COULD NOT BE THE
- 10 PARENT OF THE NEWBORN, THE COURT SHALL DISMISS THE PETITION FOR
- 11 CUSTODY.
- 12 Sec. 14. (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (3) AND
- 13 (4), IN a custody action under this chapter, the court shall
- 14 determine custody of the newborn based on the newborn's best
- 15 interest. The court shall consider, evaluate, and make findings on
- 16 each factor of the newborn's best interest with the goal of
- 17 achieving permanence for the newborn at the earliest possible date.
- 18 (2) A newborn's best interest in a custody action under this
- 19 chapter is all of the following factors regarding a parent claiming
- 20 parenthood of the newborn:
- 21 (a) The love, affection, and other emotional ties existing
- 22 between the newborn and the parent.
- 23 (b) The parent's capacity to give the newborn love, affection,
- 24 and quidance.
- 25 (c) The parent's capacity and disposition to provide the
- 26 newborn with food, clothing, medical care, or other remedial care
- 27 recognized and permitted under the laws of this state in place of

- 1 medical care, and other material needs.
- 2 (d) The permanence, as a family unit, of the existing or
- 3 proposed custodial home.
- 4 (e) The parent's moral fitness.
- 5 (f) The parent's mental and physical health.
- 6 (g) Whether the parent has a history of domestic violence.
- 7 (h) If the parent is not the parent who surrendered the
- 8 newborn, the opportunity the parent had to provide appropriate care
- 9 and custody of the newborn before the newborn's birth or surrender.
- 10 (H) -(i) Any other factor considered by the court to be
- 11 relevant to the determination of the newborn's best interest.
- 12 (3) IF THE NEWBORN'S MOTHER WAS UNMARRIED FROM THE NEWBORN'S
- 13 CONCEPTION TO BIRTH AND IF THE NEWBORN'S BIOLOGICAL FATHER DID NOT
- 14 SURRENDER THE NEWBORN AND PROVIDED SUBSTANTIAL AND REGULAR SUPPORT
- 15 OR CARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS ABILITY FOR THE MOTHER DURING
- 16 PREGNANCY, THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THE NEWBORN'S BIOLOGICAL FATHER
- 17 MAY NOT BE TERMINATED UNDER THIS CHAPTER AND MAY ONLY BE TERMINATED
- 18 UNDER SECTION 19(B) OF CHAPTER XIIA.
- 19 (4) IF THE NEWBORN'S MOTHER WAS MARRIED AT ANY TIME FROM THE
- 20 NEWBORN'S CONCEPTION TO BIRTH AND THE NEWBORN'S MOTHER DID NOT
- 21 SURRENDER THE NEWBORN, THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THE NEWBORN'S MOTHER
- 22 OR THE MAN MARRIED TO THE NEWBORN'S MOTHER, IF HE DID NOT SURRENDER
- 23 THE NEWBORN, MAY ONLY BE TERMINATED UNDER SECTION 19(B) OF CHAPTER
- 24 XIIA.
- 25 Sec. 15. Based on the court's finding of the newborn's best
- 26 interest— under section 14 of this chapter, the court may issue an
- 27 order that does 1 of the following:

- 1 (a) Grants legal or physical custody, or both, of the newborn
- 2 to the parent, and either retains or relinquishes jurisdiction.
- 3 (b) Terminates the parent's parental rights and gives a child
- 4 placing agency custody and care of the newborn.
- 5 (A) DETERMINES THAT THE PETITIONER IS THE NEWBORN'S MOTHER AND
- 6 GRANTS LEGAL AND PHYSICAL CUSTODY TO THE PETITIONER.
- 7 (B) IF SUBDIVISION (A) DOES NOT APPLY AND THE NEWBORN'S MOTHER
- 8 IS NOT THE PETITIONER FOR CUSTODY, DETERMINES THAT THE PETITIONER
- 9 IS THE NEWBORN'S FATHER AND GRANTS LEGAL AND PHYSICAL CUSTODY TO
- 10 THE PETITIONER.
- 11 (C) DETERMINES THAT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE NEWBORN ARE NOT
- 12 SERVED BY GRANTING CUSTODY TO THE PETITIONER PARENT AND TERMINATES
- 13 THE PARENT'S PARENTAL RIGHTS AND GIVES A CHILD PLACING AGENCY
- 14 CUSTODY AND CARE OF THE NEWBORN.
- 15 (D) DISMISSES THE PETITION.
- Sec. 17. (1) A parent who surrenders a newborn under section 3
- 17 of this chapter and who does not file a custody action under
- 18 section 10 of this chapter is presumed to have knowingly released
- 19 his or her parental rights to the newborn.
- 20 (2) If a custody action is not filed under section 10 of this
- 21 chapter, the child placing agency shall petition the court for
- 22 termination of parental rights under section 19b of chapter XIIA.
- 23 If the agency has complied with section 7(f) of this chapter, the
- 24 notice under that section is the notice to the newborn's parents
- 25 required by section 19b of chapter XIIA.
- 26 (2) IF THE SURRENDERING PARENT HAS NOT FILED A PETITION FOR
- 27 CUSTODY OF THE NEWBORN WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THE SURRENDER, THE CHILD

- 1 PLACING AGENCY WITH AUTHORITY TO PLACE THE NEWBORN SHALL
- 2 IMMEDIATELY FILE A PETITION WITH THE COURT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE
- 3 RELEASE SHALL BE ACCEPTED AND WHETHER THE COURT SHALL ENTER AN
- 4 ORDER TERMINATING THE RIGHTS OF THE SURRENDERING PARENT.
- 5 (3) IF THE NONSURRENDERING PARENT HAS NOT FILED A PETITION FOR
- 6 CUSTODY OF THE NEWBORN WITHIN 28 DAYS OF NOTICE OF SURRENDER OF A
- 7 NEWBORN UNDER SECTION 10 OF THIS CHAPTER, THE CHILD PLACING AGENCY
- 8 WITH AUTHORITY TO PLACE THE NEWBORN SHALL IMMEDIATELY FILE A
- 9 PETITION WITH THE COURT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE COURT SHALL ENTER
- 10 AN ORDER TERMINATING THE RIGHTS OF THE NONSURRENDERING PARENT.
- 11 (4) THE COURT SHALL SCHEDULE A HEARING ON THE PETITION FROM
- 12 THE CHILD PLACING AGENCY WITHIN 14 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THAT
- 13 PETITION. AT THE HEARING, THE CHILD PLACING AGENCY SHALL PRESENT
- 14 EVIDENCE TO ESTABLISH THAT THE SURRENDERING PARENT RELEASED THE
- 15 NEWBORN AND THAT THE COURT SHOULD ENTER AN ORDER TERMINATING THE
- 16 SURRENDERING PARENT'S RIGHTS. THE CHILD PLACING AGENCY SHALL
- 17 PRESENT EVIDENCE THAT INDICATES THE EFFORTS THAT THE CHILD PLACING
- 18 AGENCY HAS MADE TO IDENTIFY, LOCATE, AND PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE
- 19 NONSURRENDERING PARENT. THE CHILD PLACING AGENCY SHALL PRESENT
- 20 EVIDENCE THAT THE COURT SHOULD ENTER AN ORDER TERMINATING THE
- 21 NONSURRENDERING PARENT'S RIGHTS. IF THE COURT FINDS BY A
- 22 PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THE SURRENDERING PARENT HAS
- 23 KNOWINGLY RELEASED HIS OR HER RIGHTS TO THE CHILD AND THAT
- 24 REASONABLE EFFORTS WERE MADE TO LOCATE THE NONSURRENDERING PARENT,
- 25 THE COURT SHALL ENTER AN ORDER TERMINATING PARENTAL RIGHTS UNDER
- 26 THIS CHAPTER. Enacting section 1. Sections 12 and 13 of chapter
- 27 XII of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712.12 and

**1** 712.13, are repealed.