

**Representative Kera Birkeland** proposes the following substitute bill:

**NEWBORN SAFE HAVEN AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Kera Birkeland**

Senate Sponsor: Scott D. Sandall

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to the safe relinquishment of a newborn child.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- modifies the definition of a newborn child.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**80-4-501**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 330

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **80-4-501** is amended to read:

**80-4-501. Definitions.**

As used in this part:

- (1) "Hospital" means a general acute hospital, as that term is defined in Section



26 26B-2-201, that is:

27 (a) equipped with an emergency room;

28 (b) open 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

29 (c) employs full-time health care professionals who have emergency medical services

30 training.

31 (2) "Newborn child" means a child who is approximately [~~30~~] 90 days old or younger,

32 as determined within a reasonable degree of medical certainty.

33 Section 2. **Effective date.**

34 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.