The Safely Surrendered Baby Law

Permits the parent(s) or surrendering person to safely and confidentially surrender a baby within three days of birth to any hospital or other designated Safe Surrender Sites in California.

Provides a safe place for babies.

Protects the parent(s) or surrendering person from prosecution for child abandonment.

There is an option.

Don't abandon your baby.

Safely Surrender your baby.

Does not require that names be given when the baby is surrendered.

Allows the parent(s) or surrendering person at least 14 days to reclaim the baby.





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