



**Georgia Department
of Human Services**
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DHS Rule Changes

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Rule Change Procedure

1. Board Considers Motion to Publish Proposed Rule
2. 30-Day Public Comment Period
3. Public Hearing
4. Motion for Final Adoption of Proposed Rule
5. Send Final Rule to Secretary of State



Initial – Safe Place for Newborns

Act Provides Immunity from Prosecution When an Infant Child is Given to Participating
Medical Facility, Police Station or Fire Station

O.C.G.A. § 19-10A-8 Requires DHS to Create Standards for Signs
Alerting Public of Safe Haven Locations
Current Rule Effective November 1, 2018

Current Rule:

- 290-1-9.01
- Contains basic language

Rule Published February 17 –
March 18

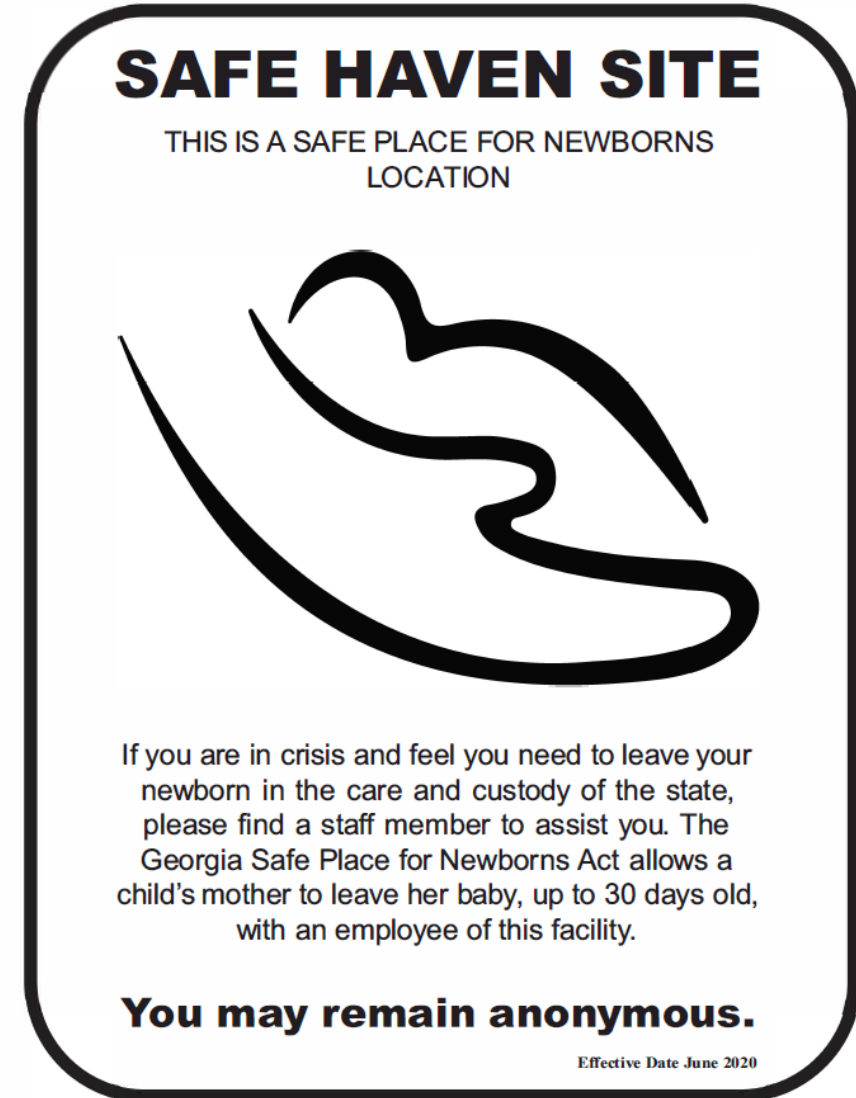
Proposed Change:

- Provides more detail
- DHS to also amend logo
- Aligns with national efforts
- Allows use of previous signs

Public Hearing March 17



Initial – Safe Place for Newborns



Request to Board

Motion to Publish Notice of Rulemaking

- Safe Place for Newborns Signage – Rule 290-1-9-.01



Questions

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