

**609.3785 UNHARMED NEWBORNS LEFT AT HOSPITALS; AVOIDANCE OF PROSECUTION.**

A person may leave a newborn with a hospital employee at a hospital in this state without being subjected to prosecution for that act, provided that:

- (1) the newborn was born within 72 hours of being left at the hospital, as determined within a reasonable degree of medical certainty;
- (2) the newborn is left in an unharmed condition; and
- (3) in cases where the person leaving the newborn is not the newborn's mother, the person has the mother's approval to do so.

**History:** 2000 c 421 s 3