

**260C.217 SAFE PLACE FOR NEWBORNS.**

Subdivision 1. **Duty to attempt reunification, duty to search for relatives, and preferences not applicable.** A local social service agency taking custody of a child after discharge from a hospital that received a child under section 145.902 is not required to attempt to reunify the child with the child's parents. Additionally, the agency is not required to search for relatives of the child as a placement or permanency option under section 260C.212, subdivision 5, or to implement other placement requirements that give a preference to relatives if the agency does not have information as to the identity of the child, the child's mother, or the child's father.

Subd. 2. **Status of child.** For purposes of proceedings under this chapter and adoption proceedings, a newborn left at a hospital under section 145.902 is considered an abandoned child.

**History:** 2000 c 421 s 2