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To amend section 2151.3516 of the Revised Code to 1  
increase the time after birth that a parent may 2  
voluntarily deliver the child to a safe haven 3  
without the parent expressing an intent to return 4  
for the child. 5

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 2151.3516 of the Revised Code be 6  
amended to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 2151.3516.** The following persons, while acting in an 8  
official capacity, shall take possession of a child who is 9  
~~seventy-two hours~~ thirty days old or younger if that child's 10  
parent has voluntarily delivered the child to that person without 11  
the parent expressing an intent to return for the child. 12

(A) A peace officer on behalf of the law enforcement agency 13  
that employs the officer; 14

(B) A hospital employee on behalf of the hospital that has 15  
granted the person privilege to practice at the hospital or that 16  
employs the person; 17

(C) An emergency medical service worker on behalf of the 18

emergency medical service organization that employs the worker or 19  
for which the worker provides services. 20

**Section 2.** That existing section 2151.3516 of the Revised 21  
Code is hereby repealed. 22