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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the newborn safe haven Act.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 233.1, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
2 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. "*Newborn infant*" means a child who is, or who appears to
4 be, ~~thirty~~ sixty days of age or younger.

5 EXPLANATION

6 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8 This bill redefines "newborn infant" for the purposes of
9 Code chapter 233 (newborn infant custody release procedures
10 under the newborn safe haven Act) to provide that a newborn
11 infant is a child who is, or who appears to be, 60 days of age
12 or younger rather than the current 30 days of age or younger,
13 thereby allowing for the voluntary release of custody of such
14 newborn infant under the provisions of the newborn safe haven
15 Act.