

1 AN ACT relating to the safety of canines and felines.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 411 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section, "passenger compartment" means the area of a car or*
6 *truck designed and intended for the seating of the operator or passengers.*

7 *(2) A person who enters the passenger compartment of a car or truck for the purpose*
8 *of removing a dog or cat shall be immune from civil liability for any resulting*
9 *damage to the car or truck if the person:*

10 *(a) 1. Makes a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other person*
11 *responsible for the dog or cat;*

12 *2. Contacts local law enforcement, the local fire department, local*
13 *animal control officers, or a 911 emergency telephone service prior to*
14 *entering the car or truck; and*

15 *3. Has a reasonable, good faith belief, based upon the circumstances*
16 *known to the person at the time, that entry into the passenger*
17 *compartment is necessary because the dog or cat is in imminent*
18 *danger of death if not immediately removed from the car or truck;*

19 *(b) Uses no more force to enter the car or truck and remove the dog or cat than*
20 *is reasonably necessary under the circumstances; and*

21 *(c) 1. Remains with the dog or cat in a safe location, out of the elements but*
22 *reasonably close to the car or truck, until law enforcement,*
23 *firefighters, animal control officers, or other emergency responders*
24 *arrive; or*

25 *2. Reasonably determines that emergency conditions require leaving the*
26 *scene with the animal, and places written notice on the car or truck*
27 *containing:*

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- a. The person's contact information;
- b. The reason entry into the car or truck was made;
- c. The location of the dog or cat; and
- d. Notice that authorities have been contacted, and specifically which law enforcement agency or emergency services were contacted.

(3) This section does not limit a person's immunity from civil liability or defenses established in another section of the Kentucky Revised Statutes or available at common law.