

REFERENCE TITLE: **civil liability; minors; animals; vehicle.**

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Introduced by
Senator Kavanagh

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 12-558.02; RELATING TO CIVIL LIABILITY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 12, chapter 5, article 3, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 12-558.02, to read:

4 12-558.02. Limited liability: removing minor or confined
5 animal from motor vehicle; definition

6 A. A PERSON WHO USES REASONABLE FORCE TO ENTER A LOCKED AND
7 UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE TO REMOVE A MINOR OR CONFINED DOMESTIC ANIMAL IS
8 NOT LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES IN A CIVIL ACTION IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
9 APPLY:

10 1. THE PERSON HAS A GOOD FAITH BELIEF THAT THE MINOR OR CONFINED
11 DOMESTIC ANIMAL IS IN IMMINENT DANGER OF SUFFERING PHYSICAL INJURY OR
12 DEATH UNLESS THE MINOR OR DOMESTIC ANIMAL IS REMOVED FROM THE MOTOR
13 VEHICLE.

14 2. BEFORE ENTERING THE MOTOR VEHICLE, THE PERSON NOTIFIES A PEACE
15 OFFICER, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER OR FIRST RESPONDER OR AN
16 ANIMAL CONTROL ENFORCEMENT AGENT OR DEPUTY, IF APPROPRIATE, OF THE MINOR
17 OR CONFINED DOMESTIC ANIMAL.

18 3. THE PERSON REMAINS WITH THE MINOR OR DOMESTIC ANIMAL UNTIL THE
19 PERSON WHO IS CONTACTED AS PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION
20 ARRIVES AT THE MOTOR VEHICLE.

21 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "DOMESTIC ANIMAL" MEANS A DOG,
22 A CAT OR ANOTHER ANIMAL THAT IS DOMESTICATED AND THAT IS KEPT AS A
23 HOUSEHOLD PET.