AN ACT

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

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

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

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

A. A person who uses reasonable force to enter a locked and unattended motor vehicle to remove a minor or confined domestic animal is not liable for any damages in a civil action if all of the following apply:

1. The person has a good faith belief that the minor or confined domestic animal is in imminent danger of suffering physical injury or death unless the minor or domestic animal is removed from the motor vehicle.

2. Before entering the motor vehicle, the person notifies a peace officer, emergency medical service provider or first responder or an animal control enforcement agent or deputy, if appropriate, of the minor or confined domestic animal.

3. The person remains with the minor or domestic animal until the person who is contacted as prescribed in paragraph 2 of this subsection arrives at the motor vehicle.

B. For the purposes of this section, "domestic animal" means a dog, a cat or another animal that is domesticated and that is kept as a household pet.