

House Bill 858

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions relative to torts, so as to limit liability for property damage caused by the  
3 rescue or attempted rescue of dogs locked in motor vehicles; to provide for related matters;  
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
8 provisions relative to torts, is amended in Code Section 51-1-29, relating to liability of  
9 persons rendering emergency care, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

10 "51-1-29.

11 (a) Any person, including any person licensed to practice medicine and surgery pursuant  
12 to Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 and any person licensed to render services ancillary  
13 thereto, who in good faith renders emergency care at the scene of an accident or emergency  
14 to the victims thereof without making any charge therefor shall not be liable for any civil  
15 damages as a result of any act or omission by such person in rendering emergency care or  
16 as a result of any act or failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical treatment or  
17 care for the injured person.

18 (b) As used in this Code section, the term 'emergency care' shall include, but shall not be  
19 limited to, the rescue or attempted rescue of an incapacitated or endangered individual from  
20 a locked motor vehicle.

21 (c) Any person who in good faith rescues or attempts to rescue an incapacitated or  
22 endangered dog from a locked motor vehicle shall not be liable for any civil damages as  
23 a result of property damage caused thereby or as a result of any act or failure to act to  
24 provide or arrange for further medical treatment or care for the dog."

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**SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.