

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to SB 32:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to torts, is amended by revising Code Section 51-1-29, relating to liability of persons rendering emergency care, to read as follows:

"51-1-29.

(a)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'emergency care' shall include, but shall not be limited to, the rescue or attempted rescue of an incapacitated or endangered individual from a locked motor vehicle.

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

(b) Any person who, in good faith, first contacts the 9-1-1 system as defined in Code Section 46-5-122, or otherwise contacts law enforcement, to report what would appear to a reasonably prudent person in like circumstances to be a life-endangered dog inside of a locked motor vehicle, shall not be liable for any civil damages to such vehicle as a result of any act or omission by such person in acting to rescue or attempting to rescue said dog

27 from inside the vehicle or as a result of any act or failure to act to provide or arrange for  
28 further medical treatment or care for such dog. Said person shall have no claim against the  
29 owner of the dog or the owner of the vehicle for any injury or damages sustained by such  
30 person resulting from acts provided for under this subsection. As used in this Code section,  
31 the term 'emergency care' shall include, but shall not be limited to, the rescue or attempted  
32 rescue of an incapacitated or endangered individual from a locked motor vehicle."

33 **SECTION 2.**

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