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SYNOPSIS

Exempts law enforcement and certain other emergency personnel from liability for breaking into motor vehicle to rescue animal under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the rescue of an animal from a motor vehicle
2 by law enforcement or other certain emergency personnel and
3 supplementing Title 4 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. Any law enforcement officer, firefighter, member of
9 ambulance, first aid, or rescue squad, or other emergency personnel
10 shall be immune from any liability for any damages resulting from
11 breaking into a motor vehicle in which an animal has been left in
12 conditions that the person reasonably believes are an immediate
13 threat to the health of the animal and breaking into the vehicle is the
14 last resort to rescue the animal from serious injury or loss of life.

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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21 This bill exempts from any liability for any damages caused by
22 any law enforcement officer, firefighter, rescue squad member, or
23 other emergency personnel breaking into a motor vehicle in which
24 an animal has been left in conditions that the person reasonably
25 believes are an immediate threat to the health of the animal and
26 breaking into the vehicle was the last resort to rescue the animal
27 from serious injury or loss of life.