

1 AN ACT relating to the safety of canines and felines.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 411 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) A person who enters the compartment of a passenger car or truck for the purpose*
6 *of removing a dog or cat shall be immune from civil liability for any resulting*
7 *damage to the passenger car or truck if the person:*

8 *(a) 1. Makes a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other person*
9 *responsible for the dog or cat;*

10 *2. Contacts local law enforcement, the local fire department, local*
11 *animal control officers, or a 911 emergency telephone service;*

12 *3. Has a reasonable and good-faith belief, based on the circumstances,*
13 *including but not limited to visual and auditory and sensory*
14 *perception, known to the person at the time, that the dog or cat is in*
15 *immediate danger of death if not removed from the passenger car or*
16 *truck before emergency responders can arrive;*

17 *(b) Uses no more force to enter the passenger car or truck and remove the dog*
18 *or cat than is reasonably necessary under the circumstances; and*

19 *(c) 1. Remains with the dog or cat in a safe location, out of the elements but*
20 *reasonably close to the passenger car or truck, until law enforcement,*
21 *firefighters, animal control officers, or other emergency responders*
22 *arrive; or*

23 *2. Reasonably determines that emergency conditions require leaving the*
24 *scene with the animal, and places written notice on the passenger car*
25 *or truck containing:*

26 *a. The person's contact information;*

27 *b. The reason entry into the passenger car or truck was made;*

- 1 c. The location of the dog or cat; and
- 2 d. Notice that authorities have been contacted, and specifically
- 3 which law enforcement agency or emergency services were
- 4 contacted.
- 5 (2) This section does not limit a person's immunity from civil liability or defenses
- 6 established in another section of the Kentucky Revised Statutes or available at
- 7 common law.