

1       AN ACT relating to civil immunity for animal rescue.

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

3           ➔Section 1. KRS 411.245 is amended to read as follows:

4       (1) A person who enters a vehicle, as defined in KRS 503.010, for the purpose of  
5           removing a minor or domestic animal shall be immune from civil liability for any  
6           resulting damage to the vehicle if the person:

7           (a) Has a reasonable, good faith belief, based upon the circumstances known to  
8           the person at the time, that entry into the vehicle is necessary because the  
9           minor or domestic animal is in imminent danger of physical injury if not  
10           immediately removed from the vehicle;

11           (b) Has contacted local law enforcement, the local fire department, or a 911  
12           emergency telephone service prior to entering the vehicle;

13           (c) Uses no more force than is reasonably necessary under the circumstances to  
14           enter the vehicle and remove the minor or domestic animal[than is  
15           reasonably necessary under the circumstances]; and

16           (d) 1. Remains with the minor or domestic animal in a safe location, out of the  
17           elements but reasonably close to the vehicle, until law enforcement,  
18           firefighters, or other emergency responders arrive; or

19           2. Reasonably determines that emergency conditions require leaving the  
20           scene with the minor or domestic animal, and places written notice on  
21           the vehicle containing:

22           a. The person's contact information;

23           b. The reason for entry into the vehicle[was made];

24           c. The[minor's] location of the minor or domestic animal; and

25           d. Notice that authorities have been contacted.

26       (2) This section does not limit a person's immunity from civil liability or defenses  
27           established in another section of the Kentucky Revised Statutes or available at

1 common law.