



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR PERSONS ENTERING CARS TO RENDER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes, a person who enters the vehicle of
3 another, including entry by force, to remove a child from the vehicle
4 shall not be liable to the owner of the vehicle for civil damages or
5 subject to criminal prosecution resulting from acts or omissions by
6 such person in removing the child from the vehicle, if such person:

7 (1) Maintains a good faith belief that entry into the vehicle is
8 necessary to remove the child from imminent danger;

9 (2) Contacts the local law enforcement agency, fire department or
10 other appropriate emergency service prior to entering the vehicle;

11 (3) Places a written notice on the windshield of the vehicle stating
12 (A) the name, telephone number and address of the person entering
13 the vehicle, (B) the reason the vehicle was entered, (C) the current

14 location of the child, if such child was removed from the vehicle, and
15 (D) that the local law enforcement agency, fire department or other
16 appropriate emergency service has been contacted regarding the entry
17 of the vehicle;

18 (4) Remains with the child in a safe location in reasonable proximity
19 to the vehicle, if such child was removed from the vehicle, until the
20 local law enforcement agency, fire department or other appropriate
21 emergency service arrives; and

22 (5) Uses no more force than necessary under the circumstances to
23 enter the vehicle to remove the child from imminent danger based
24 upon the circumstances known by such person at the time.

25 (b) The immunity provided in subsection (a) of this section does not
26 apply to acts or omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton
27 negligence.

28 (c) Nothing in this section shall affect a person's civil liability if the
29 person attempts to render aid to the child in addition to the acts
30 authorized under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide legal protections to an individual who enters the vehicle of another to rescue a child that he or she believes is in imminent danger.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]