



General Assembly

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 6720**

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LCO No. 5057

**AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FOR THOSE ENTERING CARS TO
AID 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 by force, to remove a child from the vehicle shall
4 not be liable to the owner of the vehicle for civil damages or criminal
5 penalties resulting from acts or omissions by such person in removing
6 the child, provided 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 or as
11 soon thereafter as is reasonably possible;

12 (3) Places a written notice on the windshield of the vehicle stating

13 (A) the name, telephone number and address of the person entering
14 the vehicle, (B) the reason the vehicle was entered, (C) the current
15 location of the child, if such child was removed from the vehicle, and
16 (D) that the local law enforcement agency, fire department or other
17 appropriate emergency service has been contacted regarding the entry
18 of the vehicle;

19 (4) Remains with the child in a safe location, out of the elements and
20 reasonably close to the vehicle until the local law enforcement agency,
21 fire department or other appropriate 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 what is
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