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Committee Bill No. 6038

LCO No. 3430



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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING GOOD SAMARITAN PROTECTIONS FOR
FIRST RESPONDERS WHO RENDER EMERGENCY MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE TO ANIMALS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 52-557b of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (i) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3 (NEW) (i) A paid or volunteer firefighter or police officer or
4 emergency medical service personnel who renders emergency medical
5 assistance to any animal in need thereof, as determined by such
6 firefighter, police officer or emergency medical service personnel, shall
7 not be liable to the owner of such animal for civil damages for any
8 injuries to such animal which result from acts or omissions by such
9 person in rendering emergency medical assistance to such animal
10 which may constitute ordinary negligence. The immunity provided in
11 this subsection does not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross,
12 wilful or wanton negligence.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2017	52-557b
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Statement of Purpose:

To extend the Good Samaritan law to apply to first responders who provide emergency medical assistance to animals.

[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.]

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