

HB 1381 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            ***1381***

AN ACT                relative to animals in motor vehicles.

SPONSORS:           Rep. Maes, Graf. 6

COMMITTEE:          Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

This bill allows a person to rescue a confined child or animal endangered by extreme temperatures under certain conditions.

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty*

AN ACT                    relative to animals in motor vehicles.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 New Section; Liability Limited; Children and Animals in Motor Vehicles. Amend RSA 508 by  
2 inserting after section 12-d the following new section:

3            508:12-e Liability Limited; Children and Animals in Motor Vehicles.

4            I. Any person may take action necessary to rescue a child or confined animal endangered by  
5 extreme temperatures if:

6                    (a) Law enforcement has been contacted;

7                    (b) A witness is present; and

8                    (c) The individual reasonably believes at the time that assistance will not arrive in time  
9 to prevent the serious injury or death of the confined child or animal.

10            II. No person taking action under this section or under RSA 644:8-aa shall be liable for  
11 damage reasonably necessary to rescue the confined child or animal.

12            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.