

SB 608 - AS INTRODUCED

2020 SESSION

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SENATE BILL

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AN ACT relative to animals in motor vehicles.

SPONSORS: Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Cavanaugh, Dist 16; Rep. Le, Rock. 31; Rep. Leishman, Hills. 24; Rep. K. Murray, Rock. 24; Rep. Grote, Rock. 24

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

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

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Animals in Motor Vehicles. Amend RSA 644:8-aa, IV to read as follows:

2 IV. ***Any person who is not a law enforcement officer or agent of a licensed humane***
3 ***organization may take action necessary to rescue a confined animal endangered by***
4 ***extreme temperatures if:***

5 (a) ***Law enforcement has been contacted;***

6 (b) ***A witness is present; and***

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

9 V. No officer or agent taking action under paragraph III ***or IV*** shall be liable for damage
10 reasonably necessary to rescue the confined animal.

11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.