

As Introduced

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S. B. No. 130

Senator Antani

A BILL

To enact section 2913.021 of the Revised Code to 1
grant a person immunity from the crime of theft, 2
and a licensed veterinarian civil immunity, for 3
possessing a lost domestic animal under certain 4
circumstances, and to name this act Khloey's 5
Law. 6

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 2913.021 of the Revised Code be 7
enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 2913.021. (A) Subject to divisions (C) and (D) of 9
this section, no person is subject to criminal prosecution for a 10
violation of section 2913.02 of the Revised Code for possessing 11
a domestic animal that appears to be lost. 12

(B) Subject to divisions (C) and (D) of this section, a 13
person is immune from civil liability for damage to a domestic 14
animal if the person possesses a domestic animal that appears to 15
be lost and the person does not intentionally cause damage to 16
the animal. 17

(C) Division (A) or (B) of this section does not apply if 18
the person does not contact the local dog warden or any other 19

law enforcement officer within twenty-four hours after initially 20
possessing the domestic animal. 21

(D) Division (A) or (B) of this section does not apply if 22
the prosecution or plaintiff shows evidence that the person 23
recklessly possessed the animal and did not believe the animal 24
to be lost. 25

(E) A veterinarian licensed under Chapter 4741. of the 26
Revised Code who renders emergency treatment, without 27
compensation, to an ill or injured animal, either on the 28
veterinarian's own initiative or at the request of a person 29
other than the animal's owner, is not liable to the owner of the 30
animal for any damages to the animal except in the case of gross 31
negligence. If a veterinarian performs euthanasia on such an 32
animal it is presumed that it was a humane act necessary to 33
relieve pain and suffering. 34

Section 2. This act shall be known as Khloey's Law. 35