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S. B. No. 130

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A BILL

То	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

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law enforcement officer within twenty-four hours after initially	20
possessing the domestic animal.	
(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.	
(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.	
Section 2. This act shall be known as Khloey's Law.	35