

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Hukill

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to animals confined in unattended  
3 motor vehicles; providing a short title; creating s.  
4 828.075, F.S.; prohibiting a person from confining an  
5 animal in an unattended motor vehicle under certain  
6 circumstances; providing a criminal penalty; providing  
7 an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Protecting Animal  
12 Welfare and Safety Act" or "P.A.W.S. Act."

13 Section 2. Section 828.075, Florida Statutes, is created to  
14 read:

15 828.075 Animals in unattended motor vehicles.—A person who  
16 intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly confines an animal in an  
17 unattended motor vehicle under conditions that endanger the  
18 health or well-being of the animal due to heat, cold, lack of  
19 adequate ventilation, lack of food or water, or other  
20 circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause  
21 suffering, disability, or death of the animal commits a  
22 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.  
23 775.082 or s. 775.083.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.  
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