An Act

SENATE BILL 23-034

BY SENATOR(S) Fields and Pelton B., Baisley, Bridges, Buckner, Gardner, Ginal, Hansen, Hinrichsen, Kirkmeyer, Liston, Lundeen, Mullica, Pelton R., Priola, Rich, Roberts, Simpson, Smallwood, Will; also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Evans and McLachlan, Armagost, Duran, Lynch, Snyder, Taggart.

CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY IN SECTION 18-1-901, COLORADO REVISEDSTATUTES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1-901, amend (3)(p) as follows:

18-1-901. Definitions. (3)(p) "Serious bodily injury" means bodily injury which either at the time of the actual injury or at a later time, involves a substantial risk of death; a substantial risk of serious permanent disfigurement; a substantial risk of protracted loss or impairment of the function of any part or organ of the body; or breaks, fractures, A PENETRATING KNIFE OR PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND, or burns of the second or third degree.
SECTION 2. Effective date. This act takes effect July 1, 2023.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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