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Seventy-fourth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

PREAMENDED

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SENATE BILL 23-034

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY IN SECTION**
102 **18-1-901, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill amends the definition of "serious bodily injury" to include:

- Bodily injury that, either at the time of the actual injury or at a later time, involves a substantial risk specifically associated with the type of injury sustained by the victim or intended by the perpetrator;
- Firearm wounds; or

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
February 10, 2023

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
February 9, 2023

- Knife wounds.

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

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

4 **18-1-901. Definitions.** (3) (p) "Serious bodily injury" means
5 bodily injury ~~which~~ THAT, either at the time of the actual injury or at a
6 later time, involves a substantial risk of death; a substantial risk of serious
7 permanent disfigurement; a substantial risk of protracted loss or
8 impairment of the function of any part or organ of the body; or breaks,
9 fractures, A PENETRATING KNIFE OR GUNSHOT WOUND, or burns of the
10 second or third degree. **FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)(p),**
11 **"SUBSTANTIAL RISK" MEANS THE RISK GENERALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE**
12 **TYPE OF CONDUCT OR INJURY.**

13 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2023.

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