

CHAPTER 272

CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

HOUSE BILL 06-1057

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Stafford, Green, Larson, Romanoff, Kerr J., and Liston;
also SENATOR(S) Johnson, and Spence.

AN ACT**CONCERNING CRIMINAL ACTS INVOLVING ANIMALS.**

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

SECTION 1. 12-36-135 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

12-36-135. Injuries to be reported - penalty for failure to report - immunity from liability. (1) It shall be the duty of every licensee who attends or treats a bullet wound, a gunshot wound, a powder burn, or any other injury arising from the discharge of a firearm, or an injury caused by a knife, an ice pick, or any other sharp or pointed instrument that the licensee believes to have been intentionally inflicted upon a person, OR AN INJURY ARISING FROM A DOG BITE THAT THE LICENSEE BELIEVES WAS INFLICTED UPON A PERSON BY A DANGEROUS DOG, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-9-204.5 (2) (b), C.R.S., or any other injury that the licensee has reason to believe involves a criminal act, including injuries resulting from domestic violence, to report such injury at once to the police of the city, town, or city and county or the sheriff of the county in which the licensee is located. Any licensee who fails to make a report as required by this section commits a class 2 petty offense, as defined by section 18-1.3-503, C.R.S., and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after said date.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

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, and safety.

Approved: May 26, 2006