

# HB2574



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

**HB2574**

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Mike Murphy

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 70/7.1

from Ch. 8, par. 707.1

Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act. Adds firefighter and paramedic to the list of persons who are authorized, after making a reasonable effort to locate the owner or person responsible for a companion animal, to enter a motor vehicle by any reasonable means if he or she has probable cause to believe that the animal's health or safety is at risk.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Humane Care for Animals Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 7.1 as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 70/7.1) (from Ch. 8, par. 707.1)

7 Sec. 7.1. Confinement in motor vehicle. No owner or  
8 person shall confine any companion animal in a motor vehicle  
9 in such a manner that places it in a life or health threatening  
10 situation by exposure to a prolonged period of extreme heat or  
11 cold, without proper ventilation or other protection from such  
12 heat or cold. In order to protect the health and safety of a  
13 companion ~~an~~ animal, an animal control officer, firefighter,  
14 paramedic, law enforcement officer, or Department investigator  
15 who has probable cause to believe that this Section is being  
16 violated shall have authority to enter such motor vehicle by  
17 any reasonable means under the circumstances after making a  
18 reasonable effort to locate the owner or other person  
19 responsible.

20 A person convicted of violating this Section is guilty of  
21 a Class C misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation is a  
22 Class B misdemeanor.

23 (Source: P.A. 92-650, eff. 7-11-02.)