

**Representative Kay J. Christofferson** proposes the following substitute bill:

**CITATION AUTHORITY AMENDMENTS**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Kay J. Christofferson**

Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses who may enforce a local ordinance through issuing a citation.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ prevents a provision from taking effect that prohibits certain municipal officers and officials from enforcing a local ordinance through issuing a citation;
- ▶ clarifies that county and municipal animal control officers may issue a citation; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**10-3-703 (Effective 05/01/18)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 314

**77-7-18**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 322

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*



26 Section 1. Section 10-3-703 (Effective 05/01/18) is amended to read:

27 10-3-703 (Effective 05/01/18). Criminal penalties for violation of ordinance --

28 Civil penalties prohibited -- Exceptions.

29 (1) The governing body of each municipality may impose a criminal penalty for the  
30 violation of any municipal ordinance by a fine not to exceed the maximum class B  
31 misdemeanor fine under Section 76-3-301 or by a term of imprisonment up to six months, or  
32 by both the fine and term of imprisonment.

33 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), the governing body may prescribe a  
34 civil penalty for the violation of any municipal ordinance by a fine not to exceed the maximum  
35 class B misdemeanor fine under Section 76-3-301.

36 (b) A municipality may not impose a civil penalty and adjudication for the violation of  
37 a municipal moving traffic ordinance.

38 [~~(3) A municipal officer or official who is not a law enforcement officer in accordance~~  
39 ~~with Section 53-13-103 may not issue a criminal citation for a violation that is punished as a~~  
40 ~~misdemeanor.]~~

41 Section 2. Section 77-7-18 is amended to read:

42 77-7-18. Citation on misdemeanor or infraction charge.

43 (1) Any person subject to arrest or prosecution on a misdemeanor or infraction charge  
44 may be issued and delivered a citation that requires the person to appear at the court of the  
45 magistrate with territorial jurisdiction.

46 (2) The following may issue the citation [~~may be issued by~~] described in Subsection

47 (1):

48 [~~(1)~~] (a) a peace officer, in lieu of or in addition to taking the person into custody;

49 [~~(2)~~] (b) any public official of any county or municipality charged with the enforcement  
50 of the law;

51 [~~(3)~~] (c) a port-of-entry agent as defined in Section 72-1-102;

52 [~~(4)~~] (d) an animal control officer of a county, municipality, or special service district  
53 under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act, who is authorized to provide animal  
54 control service; and

55 [~~(5)~~] (e) a volunteer authorized to issue a citation under

55a Section ~~H~~→ [41-6a-213] 41-6a-217 ←~~H~~ .

56 Section 3. Effective date.

57           If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect  
58   on May 1, 2018.