

TRANSPORTATION OF DOGS ACT

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ashlee Matthews

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions related to the transportation of dogs.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ restricts the transportation of dogs in the back of a truck under certain circumstances;
- ▶ imposes penalties; and
- ▶ creates exemptions.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

18-3-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

18-3-201, Utah Code Annotated 1953

18-3-202, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



28 Section 1. Section 18-3-101 is enacted to read:

29 **CHAPTER 3. TRANSPORTATION OF DOGS ACT**

30 **Part 1. General Provisions**

31 **18-3-101. Definitions.**

32 As used in this chapter:

33 (1) "Cross tethered" means having one leash secured from one side to the other of the
34 inside of the truck bed, and then fastening a separate leash perpendicular to the first leash,
35 allowing a dog to move side to side but preventing the dog from being able to move to the
36 outside edges of the truck.

37 (2) "Highway" means the same as that term is defined in Section 41-1a-102.

38 (3) "Hunting dog" means a canine that hunts with or on behalf of humans.

39 (4) "Pickup truck" means the same as that term is defined in Section 41-1a-102.

40 (5) "Truck" means a pickup truck or flatbed truck.

41 (6) "Working farm dog" means a canine that is bred or trained to herd or protect
42 livestock, poultry, or crops and that is used for at least one of those purposes.

43 Section 2. Section 18-3-201 is enacted to read:

44 **Part 2. Transportation of Dogs**

45 **18-3-201. Transportation of dogs in trucks -- Penalties.**

46 (1) An individual may not travel in a truck on a highway with a dog in the back of the
47 truck unless:

48 (a) the speed limit of the highway is below 40 miles per hour;

49 (b) the space in the back of the truck is enclosed;

50 (c) the space in the back of the truck has side and tail racks to a height of at least 46
51 inches extending vertically from the floor of the truck bed;

52 (d) the dog is cross tethered to the truck; or

53 (e) the dog is protected by a secured container or cage.

54 (2) (a) An individual who violates this section as a first offense is guilty of an
55 infraction.

56 (b) In the case of a second or subsequent violation of this section, an individual is
57 guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

58 Section 3. Section 18-3-202 is enacted to read:

59 **18-3-202. Exemptions.**

60 An individual transporting a hunting dog or working farm dog is exempt from this

61 chapter.