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STATE OF COLORADO

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LLS NO. 23-0282.01 Amber Paoloemilio x5497

SENATE BILL 23-034

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Fields and Pelton B.,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

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Senate Committees  
Judiciary

House Committees

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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.

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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 statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

- Knife wounds.

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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; A  
9 SUBSTANTIAL RISK SPECIFICALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE TYPE OF INJURY  
10 SUSTAINED BY THE VICTIM OR INTENDED BY THE PERPETRATOR; or breaks,  
11 fractures, FIREARM WOUNDS, KNIFE WOUNDS, or burns of the second or  
12 third degree.

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.