

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-fourth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**ENGROSSED**

*This Version Includes All Amendments Adopted  
on Second Reading in the House of Introduction*

LLS NO. 23-0282.01 Amber Paoloemilio x5497

**SENATE BILL 23-034**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Fields and Pelton B.,**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Evans and McLachlan,**

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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 law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 9, 2023

- 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;     or breaks,  
9 fractures, A PENETRATING KNIFE OR GUNSHOT WOUND, or burns of the  
10 second or third degree.

11           **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2023.

12           **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.