

## CHAPTER 316

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**CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE**

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## SENATE BILL 23-034

BY SENATOR(S) Fields and Pelton B., Baisley, Bridges, Buckner, Gardner, Ginal, Hansen, Hinrichsen, Kirkmeyer, Liston, Lundeen, Mullica, Pelton R., Priola, Rich, Roberts, Simpson, Smallwood, Will;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Evans and McLachlan, Armagost, Duran, Lynch, Snyder, Taggart.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY IN SECTION 18-1-901, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1-901, **amend** (3)(p) as follows:

**18-1-901. Definitions.** (3) (p) "Serious bodily injury" means bodily injury ~~which~~ **THAT**, either at the time of the actual injury or at a later time, involves a substantial risk of death; a substantial risk of serious permanent disfigurement; a substantial risk of protracted loss or impairment of the function of any part or organ of the body; or breaks, fractures, ~~A PENETRATING KNIFE OR PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND~~, or burns of the second or third degree.

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

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

Approved: June 2, 2023

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