

SENATE BILL 23-034: Official City Position

Approved by Westminster City Council on February XX, 2023

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Concerning the definition of serious bodily injury in section 18-1-901, Colorado Revised Statutes.

Official City Position: SUPPORT

Status: **Active** – This bill was introduced in the House on January 10, 2023. It was assigned to the Judiciary Committee for hearing on February 6, 2023. On February 10, 2023 it successfully passed out of the Senate and was introduced in the House the same day.

Description (after Senate amendments)

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 Penetrating gunshot wounds;* or
- *Knife Penetrating knife wounds.*

(Note: Italicized words indicate new material added to the original summary; dashes through words indicate deletions from the original summary.)

(Note: This summary applies to the re-engrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house.)

City Comments:

This legislation is in alignment with the following principle(s) as set forth in the City's [2023 Legislative Policy Statement](#):

Public Safety:

Supports legislation that provides resources and support to all victims of crimes, particularly violent crimes, to include domestic violence.

This bill amends the definition of "Serious Bodily Injury" (SBI) to include wounds caused by a firearm, knife, and second- and third-degree burns.