



HOUSE BILL 648: Emer. Care/Animals/Vet. Practice.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:	House Health. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 7, 2021
Introduced by:	Rep. Sasser	Prepared by:	Jessica Boney
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H648-CSBP-11		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: *House Bill 648 would create an exemption in the practice of veterinary medicine for emergency medical services personnel who render emergency aid to an injured K-9 police unit animal at the scene of an emergency and would grant limited immunity in these circumstances.*

The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) would incorporate emergency medical services rendered to a search and rescue dog in the veterinary practice exemption and limited immunity; and clarify emergency medical dispatchers would not be considered emergency medical services personnel.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1.(a) would create an exemption in the practice of veterinary medicine to allow emergency medical services personnel to provide emergency transport or medical services to an injured K-9 police unit animal or certified search and rescue dog deployed by or contracted to work with a federal, State, or local agency or department at the scene of an emergency. Emergency medical dispatchers would not be considered medical services personnel for purposes of this section.

Section 1.(b) would provide limited immunity to emergency medical services personnel who provide emergency transport or medical services to an injured K-9 police unit animal or an injured search and rescue dog. Emergency medical dispatchers would not be considered medical services personnel for purposes of this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The PCS would be effective October 1, 2021 and apply to acts on or after that date.

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