



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

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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 or an injured search and rescue dog at the scene of an emergency, and grant limited immunity in these circumstances.*

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: This act would be effective October 1, 2021 and apply to acts on or after that date.

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