



HOUSE BILL 512: Emer. Care/Animals/Vet. Practice.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Health. If favorable, re-refer to Judiciary 1. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 8, 2025
Introduced by:	Reps. Gillespie, Lambeth, Goodwin, Huneycutt	Prepared by:	Stewart Sturkie Committee Co-Counsel
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H512-CSDC-8		

OVERVIEW: *House Bill 512 would allow emergency medical services (EMS) personnel to transport or render aid to an injured police K-9 unit or search and rescue dog without being licensed by the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board (Board). EMS personnel who provide such assistance in good faith would not be subject to prosecution. The Proposed Committee Substitute would make a clarifying change to the bill.*

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would allow EMS personnel, except for emergency medical dispatchers, to provide emergency medical services to injured police K-9 units or search and rescue dogs without a license from the Board. EMS personnel would also be permitted to provide emergency medical transport to the injured animals.

The bill would provide immunity for EMS personnel, except for emergency medical dispatchers, who provide transport or aid to an injured police K-9 unit or search and rescue dog. This immunity only applies if the personnel acted with good faith and would not apply if they acted with gross negligence, wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective 30 days after it becomes law and would apply to acts occurring on or after that date.

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