

# HOUSE BILL No. 1201

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-18-2-264.1; IC 16-31-13; IC 25-38.1-3-1; IC 34-30-2-70.2.

**Synopsis:** Emergency transport of injured operational canine. Provides that if there is not an individual requiring medical attention or transport, a paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician, or emergency medical technician may use emergency ambulance services to transport an operational canine injured in the line of duty to a veterinary hospital or clinic. Specifies the care that may be provided to the operational canine. Specifies who is responsible for the transportation and treatment cost of an injured operational canine. Provides that a paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician, or emergency medical technician who in the performance of their duties and in good faith renders care or transportation to an injured operational canine is not liable: (1) for any act or omission when rendering the care or transportation; or (2) to the veterinary hospital or clinic for expenses incurred for emergency care provided to the injured operational canine.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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January 7, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-264.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: **Sec. 264.1. "Operational canine", for**  
4 **purposes of IC 16-31-13, has the meaning set forth in**  
5 **IC 16-31-13-1.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 16-31-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
7 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
8 JULY 1, 2021]:

9 **Chapter 13. Emergency Transport of Operational Canines**

10 **Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "operational canine" means**  
11 **a dog that:**

12 **(1) is owned, used, or requested for use by a law enforcement**  
13 **agency or a federal, state, or local fire or other emergency**  
14 **response agency; and**

15 **(2) is used for the principle purposes of aiding in:**

16 **(A) the detection of criminal activity;**

17 **(B) the enforcement of laws;**



- 1                   (C) the apprehension of offenders;  
 2                   (D) providing search and rescue services; or  
 3                   (E) ensuring the public safety and welfare.
- 4           (b) The term includes the following:
- 5               (1) An arson investigation dog.  
 6               (2) A bomb detection dog.  
 7               (3) A narcotic detection dog.  
 8               (4) A patrol dog.  
 9               (5) A military working dog.  
 10              (6) A search and rescue dog.
- 11           Sec. 2. (a) If there is not an individual requiring medical  
 12 attention or transport, a paramedic, advanced emergency medical  
 13 technician, or emergency medical technician may use emergency  
 14 ambulance services to transport an operational canine injured in  
 15 the line of duty to a veterinary hospital or clinic.
- 16           (b) During transport, a paramedic, advanced emergency  
 17 medical technician, or emergency medical technician may provide  
 18 the following care to an injured operational canine:
- 19               (1) Opening and manually maintaining an airway.  
 20               (2) Performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation.  
 21               (3) Administering oxygen.  
 22               (4) Managing ventilation by mask.  
 23               (5) Controlling hemorrhage with direct pressure.  
 24               (6) Immobilizing fractures.  
 25               (7) Bandaging.  
 26               (8) Procedures authorized under a written protocol  
 27 established and provided by the state veterinarian.  
 28               (9) Procedures authorized by the Indiana emergency medical  
 29 services commission.  
 30               (10) If the paramedic, advanced emergency medical  
 31 technician, or emergency medical technician is trained in  
 32 canine tactical combat casualty care (K9TCCC), the  
 33 individual may provide care within the scope and protocols of  
 34 the K9TCCC training.
- 35           (c) A paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician, or  
 36 emergency medical technician may require a member of the law  
 37 enforcement department or agency to accompany the injured  
 38 operational canine during transport.
- 39           (d) Unless there is a written agreement that specifies the party  
 40 that is financially responsible for the transportation and treatment  
 41 cost for an injured operational canine, the law enforcement agency  
 42 or other governmental agency that owns or requested the use of the



1 operational canine is responsible for the transportation and  
 2 treatment cost for the operational canine.

3 **Sec. 3. A paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician,**  
 4 **or emergency medical technician who, in the performance of their**  
 5 **duties and in good faith, renders care or transportation to an**  
 6 **injured operational canine as allowed under this chapter is not**  
 7 **liable:**

8 (1) for any act or omission when rendering the care or  
 9 transportation; or

10 (2) to the veterinary hospital or clinic for expenses incurred  
 11 for emergency care provided to the injured operational  
 12 canine.

13 **Sec. 4. A paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician,**  
 14 **or emergency medical technician who provides care to an injured**  
 15 **operational canine as allowed under this chapter does not engage**  
 16 **in the practice of veterinary medicine for purposes of IC 25-38.1.**

17 SECTION 3. IC 25-38.1-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2014,  
 18 SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 19 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. (a) A person may not practice veterinary  
 20 medicine in Indiana unless the person:

21 (1) is licensed as a veterinarian in Indiana; or

22 (2) holds a special permit issued by the board.

23 (b) The following persons are exempt from the licensing or special  
 24 permit requirements of this chapter:

25 (1) A veterinarian on the faculty of the School of Veterinary  
 26 Medicine at Purdue University performing regular duties, or a  
 27 veterinarian employed by the animal disease diagnostic laboratory  
 28 established by IC 21-46-3-1 performing regular duties.

29 (2) A veterinary medical officer serving in the United States  
 30 armed forces or veterinarian employed by a federal, state, or local  
 31 government agency performing veterinary medical services that  
 32 are within the scope of official duties and are performed during  
 33 the period of the person's service.

34 (3) An individual who is a regular student in an accredited college  
 35 of veterinary medicine performing duties or actions assigned by  
 36 the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue  
 37 University or working under the direct supervision of a licensed  
 38 veterinarian.

39 (4) An extern.

40 (5) A veterinarian who is licensed and is a resident in another  
 41 state or country and consults with a veterinarian licensed under  
 42 this article.



- 1 (6) An owner or a contract operator of an animal or a regular  
 2 employee of the owner or a contract operator caring for and  
 3 treating an animal, except where the ownership of the animal was  
 4 transferred for purposes of circumventing this chapter.  
 5 (7) A guest lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at  
 6 the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University, or  
 7 elsewhere, in connection with a continuing education program.  
 8 (8) An individual while engaged in bona fide scientific research  
 9 that:  
 10 (A) reasonably requires experimentation involving animals;  
 11 and  
 12 (B) is conducted in a facility or with a company that complies  
 13 with federal regulations regarding animal welfare.  
 14 (9) A graduate of a foreign college of veterinary medicine who is  
 15 in the process of obtaining an ECFVG certificate or a PAVE  
 16 certificate and who is under the direct supervision of:  
 17 (A) the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue  
 18 University; or  
 19 (B) a veterinarian licensed under this article.  
 20 (10) A veterinarian who is enrolled in a postgraduate instructional  
 21 program in an accredited college of veterinary medicine  
 22 performing duties or actions assigned by the faculty of the School  
 23 of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University.  
 24 (11) A member in good standing of another licensed or regulated  
 25 profession within Indiana who:  
 26 (A) provides assistance requested by a veterinarian licensed  
 27 under this article;  
 28 (B) acts with the consent of the client;  
 29 (C) acts within a veterinarian-client-patient relationship; and  
 30 (D) acts under the direct or indirect supervision of the licensed  
 31 veterinarian.  
 32 **(12) A paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician, or**  
 33 **emergency medical technician who, in the performance of**  
 34 **their duties, renders care or transportation to an injured**  
 35 **operational canine under IC 16-31-13.**  
 36 SECTION 4. IC 34-30-2-70.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 37 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: **Sec. 70.2. IC 16-31-13-3 (Concerning**  
 39 **care or transportation for an injured operational canine).**

