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HOUSE BILL No. 1201

DIGEST OF HB 1201 (Updated January 28, 2021 10:51 am - DI 143)

Citations Affected: IC 16-18; IC 16-31; IC 25-38.1; IC 34-30.

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. Requires that a written agreement concerning the transport and care of an operational canine must specify what services are covered under the agreement.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

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

January 28, 2021, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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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;**

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- (C) the apprehension of offenders;
- (D) providing search and rescue services; or
- (E) ensuring the public safety and welfare.

(b) The term includes the following:

- (1) An arson investigation dog.
- (2) A bomb detection dog.
- (3) A narcotic detection dog.
- (4) A patrol dog.
- (5) A military working dog.
- (6) A search and rescue dog.

Sec. 2. (a) 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.

(b) During transport, a paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician, or emergency medical technician may provide the following care to an injured operational canine:

- (1) Opening and manually maintaining an airway.
- (2) Performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- (3) Administering oxygen.
- (4) Managing ventilation by mask.
- (5) Controlling hemorrhage with direct pressure.
- (6) Immobilizing fractures.
- (7) Bandaging.
- (8) Procedures authorized under a written protocol established and provided by the state veterinarian.
- (9) Procedures authorized by the Indiana emergency medical services commission.
- (10) If the paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician, or emergency medical technician is trained in canine tactical combat casualty care (K9TCCC), the individual may provide care within the scope and protocols of the K9TCCC training.

(c) A paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician, or emergency medical technician may require a member of the law enforcement department or agency to accompany the injured operational canine during transport.

(d) Unless there is a written agreement that specifies the party that is financially responsible for the transportation and treatment cost for an injured operational canine, the law enforcement agency or other governmental agency that owns or requested the use of the



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

(e) A written agreement between a law enforcement agency or other governmental agency and a provider of emergency ambulance services that concerns the transport and care of an operational canine injured in the line of duty must specify which services described under subsection (b) will be covered under the agreement.

Sec. 3. 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 as allowed under this chapter 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) An individual who is a regular student in an accredited college of veterinary medicine performing duties or actions assigned by the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue



University or working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(4) An extern.

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

(6) An owner or a contract operator of an animal or a regular employee of the owner or a contract operator caring for and treating an animal, except where the ownership of the animal was transferred for purposes of circumventing this chapter.

(7) A guest lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University, or elsewhere, in connection with a continuing education program.

(8) An individual while engaged in bona fide scientific research that:

(A) reasonably requires experimentation involving animals; and

(B) is conducted in a facility or with a company that complies with federal regulations regarding animal welfare.

(9) A graduate of a foreign college of veterinary medicine who is in the process of obtaining an ECFVG certificate or a PAVE certificate and who is under the direct supervision of:

(A) the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University; or

(B) a veterinarian licensed under this article.

(10) A veterinarian who is enrolled in a postgraduate instructional program in an accredited college of veterinary medicine performing duties or actions assigned by the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University.

(11) A member in good standing of another licensed or regulated profession within Indiana who:

(A) provides assistance requested by a veterinarian licensed under this article;

(B) acts with the consent of the client;

(C) acts within a veterinarian-client-patient relationship; and

(D) acts under the direct or indirect supervision of the licensed veterinarian.

(12) A paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician, or emergency medical technician who, in the performance of their duties, renders care or transportation to an injured operational canine under IC 16-31-13.

SECTION 4. IC 34-30-2-70.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA



1 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: **Sec. 70.2. IC 16-31-13-3 (Concerning**
3 **care or transportation for an injured operational canine).**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred House Bill 1201, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 3, between lines 2 and 3, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(e) A written agreement between a law enforcement agency or other governmental agency and a provider of emergency ambulance services that concerns the transport and care of an operational canine injured in the line of duty must specify which services described under subsection (b) will be covered under the agreement."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1201 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

