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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1201

DIGEST OF HB 1201 (Updated March 17, 2021 12:22 pm - DI 133)

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.

**McNamara, Bartels, Ledbetter,
Moseley**

(SENATE SPONSOR — CRIDER)

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

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

February 1, 2021, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

February 2, 2021, read third time, passed. Yeas 91, nays 3.

SENATE ACTION

March 8, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

March 18, 2021, reported favorably — 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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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

9 Sec. 3. A paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician,
10 or emergency medical technician who, in the performance of their
11 duties and in good faith, renders care or transportation to an
12 injured operational canine as allowed under this chapter is not
13 liable:

14 (1) for any act or omission when rendering the care or
15 transportation; or

16 (2) to the veterinary hospital or clinic for expenses incurred
17 for emergency care provided to the injured operational
18 canine.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



- 1 University or working under the direct supervision of a licensed
 2 veterinarian.
 3 (4) An extern.
 4 (5) A veterinarian who is licensed and is a resident in another
 5 state or country and consults with a veterinarian licensed under
 6 this article.
 7 (6) An owner or a contract operator of an animal or a regular
 8 employee of the owner or a contract operator caring for and
 9 treating an animal, except where the ownership of the animal was
 10 transferred for purposes of circumventing this chapter.
 11 (7) A guest lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at
 12 the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University, or
 13 elsewhere, in connection with a continuing education program.
 14 (8) An individual while engaged in bona fide scientific research
 15 that:
 16 (A) reasonably requires experimentation involving animals;
 17 and
 18 (B) is conducted in a facility or with a company that complies
 19 with federal regulations regarding animal welfare.
 20 (9) A graduate of a foreign college of veterinary medicine who is
 21 in the process of obtaining an ECFVG certificate or a PAVE
 22 certificate and who is under the direct supervision of:
 23 (A) the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue
 24 University; or
 25 (B) a veterinarian licensed under this article.
 26 (10) A veterinarian who is enrolled in a postgraduate instructional
 27 program in an accredited college of veterinary medicine
 28 performing duties or actions assigned by the faculty of the School
 29 of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University.
 30 (11) A member in good standing of another licensed or regulated
 31 profession within Indiana who:
 32 (A) provides assistance requested by a veterinarian licensed
 33 under this article;
 34 (B) acts with the consent of the client;
 35 (C) acts within a veterinarian-client-patient relationship; and
 36 (D) acts under the direct or indirect supervision of the licensed
 37 veterinarian.
 38 **(12) A paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician, or**
 39 **emergency medical technician who, in the performance of**
 40 **their duties, renders care or transportation to an injured**
 41 **operational canine under IC 16-31-13.**
 42 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.

 COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred House Bill No. 1201, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to HB 1201 as printed January 28, 2021.)

CHARBONNEAU, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

