

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Staff:	Amanda Wille (1-5230)		

Providing Medical Service to Police Dogs

- Allows emergency medical care to be provide for a police service dog who is injured during their service.
- All humans must be treated first.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 Emergency Medical Care- Trauma Care- Authority of certified emergency medical care provider (147A.8)

Authorizes the care of a severely injured police service dog.

Section 2 –Veterinary Practice- Licensing requirement and Exceptions (169.4)

Sets standards for an emergency medical care provider to care for a police service dog.

The dog must be on duty and under the supervision of a peace officer.

The injury must be severe.

Services must be necessary to immediately stabilize the dog for later treatment.

The emergency medical care provider may choose not to provide services.

An emergency medical care provider who elects to provide services shall not be civilly liable for treatment if they acted reasonably and in good faith.

Care to the dog may only be provided after care has been provided to humans on scene.

The care provider shall not use equipment, or shall discontinue care of the dog if:

- Equipment is needed for a human at the scene of the emergency.
- The equipment is sent to another location.

Treatment of the dog shall cease if:

- The provider is sent to another location.
- The vehicle providing services is dispatched to another location.

A police service dog shall not be transported in a vehicle that provides emergency medical or ambulance services.