

## HB 2650 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Judiciary

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows emergency medical services (EMS) provider to provide emergency transportation or treatment to a police dog injured in the line of duty, so long as it does not interfere with the transportation or treatment of a human.

Defines police dog.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance and costs of police dogs
- Types of treatments injured police dogs might need
- Similar laws in other states

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Replaces measure. Allows emergency medical services (EMS) provider to provide emergency transportation or basic lifesaving measures to a police dog injured in the line of duty, so long as it does not interfere with the transportation or treatment of a human. Defines "police dog" and "basic lifesaving measures."

-2 Replaces measure. Allows emergency medical services (EMS) provider to provide transportation to a police dog injured in the line of duty so long as the transportation does not delay or otherwise interfere with the emergency transportation of a human. Defines "police dog." Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Many law enforcement agencies use specially trained dogs to help apprehend suspects or find contraband or explosives. Police dogs are sometimes injured during these activities and require emergency transportation and treatment.

House Bill 2650 would allow emergency medical services (EMS) providers to provide emergency transport and treatment to an injured police dog so long as it does not interfere with the transportation or treatment of a human.